

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 4

March 24, 2010

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DAWSON CHARLES E

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
[SBSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES
INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/01/2010

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Director, President & Secy.

TYLER, TX 75701

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/23/2010		M		5,000	A	\$ 4.76	75,046	D	
Common Stock	03/23/2010		F		1,101	D	\$ 21.6	73,945	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2010		I ⁽¹⁾		713.16	A	\$ 5.49	11,074.81	I	by ESOP
Common Stock								13,560.43	I	SSB Tr/self Emp S/P
								2,617	I	by Spouse

by ESOP

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by Spouse

Common
Stock

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.76	03/23/2010		M	5,000	<u>(2)</u> 08/31/2010	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAWSON CHARLES E SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	X		Director, President & Secy.	

Signatures

Charles E. (Sam)
Dawson 03/24/2010

____Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) ESOP allocation for plan year ending 12-31-2009

(2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.

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