

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

February 17, 2011

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-21886
(SEC File Number)

52-0812977
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

8100 N.E. Parkway Drive, Suite 200
Vancouver, Washington
(Address of principal executive offices)

98662
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(360) 828-0700

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On February 17, 2011, the board of directors of Barrett Business Services, Inc., elected Michael Elich to serve as a director to fill a vacancy left by the death of William Sherertz. In addition, Mr. Elich was elected President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Elich was previously appointed to the positions of President and CEO on an interim basis on January 20, 2011, following Mr. Sherertz's death.

A copy of the news release announcing Mr. Elich's election and promotion is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 18, 2011, the company issued a news release announcing that its board of directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.09 per share. The dividend is payable on March 11, 2011, to all stockholders of record as of February 25, 2011.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits: The following exhibit is filed with this Form 8-K:

99.1 News Release dated February 18, 2011.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

Dated: February 18, 2011

By: /s/ James D. Miller

James D. Miller

Vice President-Finance, Treasurer and Secretary

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact: Michael Elich
President and
Chief Executive Officer

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BBSI ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF MICHAEL ELICH TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AS PRESIDENT AND CEO AND DECLARES QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

VANCOUVER, WA, February 18, 2011 – Barrett Business Services, Inc. (Nasdaq: BBSI) announced today that Michael Elich, who was appointed Interim President and Chief Executive Officer on January 20, 2011, following the death of William Sherertz, has been elected to the company's board of directors and appointed President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Elich has been with the company for nearly 10 years, including as its Chief Operating Officer for five years. Before joining BBSI, Mr. Elich was chief operating officer of Skills Resource Training Center, a staffing services company with offices in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Chairman Anthony Meeker observed, "The Board of Directors has been very impressed with the speed and effectiveness of the management transition following Bill's untimely death. After review of Mike's past performance and recent actions, the Board felt it was appropriate to make his appointment as President and CEO permanent and to elect Mike to BBSI's board of directors. The board has total confidence in Mike's ability to serve effectively in both roles."

In addition, the company announced that its board of directors has approved a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.09 per share. The cash dividend will be paid on March 11, 2011, to all stockholders of record as of February 25, 2011.

BBSI provides a comprehensive range of human resource management solutions to large and small companies throughout many regions of the United States.

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