

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

May 03, 2010

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

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
April 28, 2010

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COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Washington  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-20288  
(Commission File Number)

91-1422237  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1301 A Street  
Tacoma, WA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

98402  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (253) 305-1900

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Items to be Included in this Report

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On April 28, 2010, of 28,233,727 shares outstanding and entitled to vote at our annual meeting, 24,742,278, or 87.6%, which constituted a quorum, were represented in person or by proxy, and the following three matters were voted upon and approved by our shareholders at the 2010 Annual Meeting:

1. The election of nine members to our board of directors;
2. Approval of the Advisory (Non-binding) Resolution - Executive Compensation;
3. Ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent registered public accountants.

The following is a summary of the voting results for each matter presented to the shareholders:

Proposal 1. - Election of Directors:

Nominee	Votes	
	Votes "For"	"Withheld"
Melanie J. Dressel	21,394,855	292,621
John P. Folsom	21,374,750	310,446
Frederick M. Goldberg	21,610,648	72,575
Thomas M. Hulbert	21,391,379	291,974
Thomas L. Matson, Sr.	21,366,537	316,964
Daniel C. Regis	21,604,857	78,044
Donald Rodman	21,349,397	332,391
William T. Weyerhaeuser	21,385,935	295,169
James M. Will	21,377,235	309,273

Proposal 2. – Advisory (Non-binding) Vote on Executive Compensation:

Shares Voted "For"	Shares Voted	
	"Against"	Abstentions
24,106,609	270,299	365,370

Proposal 3. – Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accountants:

Shares Voted "For"	Shares Voted	
	"Against"	Abstentions
24,396,153	214,756	131,369



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 hereunto duly authorized.

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

Date: May 3, 2010

/s/ Clint E. Stein  
Clint E. Stein  
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting  
Officer

