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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):

September 14, 2009

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

1-34073

31-0724920

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio

43287

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

614-480-8300

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On September 14, 2009, Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (Huntington), announced that William R. Robertson has been appointed a director of Huntington. Mr. Robertson was elected by the Board of Directors on September 8, 2009, as a Class II member of the Board serving a term expiring in 2010. The Board of Directors has not yet determined to which committees of the board Mr. Robertson will be appointed.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 14, 2009, Huntington issued a press release announcing the appointment of William R. Robertson as a director. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit No. -- Description

99.1 -- Huntington Bancshares Incorporated press release dated September 14, 2009.

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**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.

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated

By: */s/ Richard A. Cheap*

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*Name: Richard A. Cheap*

*Title: General Counsel and Secretary*

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*September 14, 2009*

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Huntington Bancshares Incorporated press release dated September 14, 2009.

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# NEWSRELEASE

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September 14, 2009

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## HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES APPOINTS CLEVELAND'S WILLIAM R. ROBERTSON TO ITS BOARD

*Third High Level Huntington Appointee from Cleveland Since March*

**Cleveland, OHIO** – William R. Robertson, a 45-year resident of Cleveland, and a former president, director and deputy chairman of National City Corp., has been appointed to Huntington's Board of Directors. It was with the help of Robertson's leadership that National City became one of the country's premier banks during the 1970s, 1980s and into the mid-1990s. Robertson most recently retired as managing partner of Cleveland's Kirtland Capital Partners, which he joined in 1997.

"Cleveland is a market of critical importance to Huntington," said Steve Steinour, president, chairman and chief executive officer of the bank. "The board wanted to appoint another director who had strong community ties in Cleveland. We also wanted someone who understood the local market—particularly its manufacturing and distribution base—because we are committed to helping the area weather the recession and create new jobs. Bill will give us the added expertise in helping companies grow. His longstanding work in the community will also serve us well as we seek new ways to support the Cleveland area."

Robertson has a strong track record in helping Cleveland-area companies and non-profits, thanks to his wide-ranging experience in consumer, small business and middle market banking. At Kirtland Capital, Robertson partnered with Cleveland niche manufacturing, distribution and business service companies. At National City, he oversaw Corporate Operations and Information Services as the organization consolidated acquired companies. He also helped to guide National City's fee-income businesses to represent 50 percent of National City's overall fee revenues. Additionally, he was instrumental in forming National City's Private Client Group to help families protect and preserve their assets.

Robertson has deep roots in Cleveland. He is Trustee Emeritus of the Cleveland Museum of Art and a trustee of the Prentiss Foundation. He is also a former trustee and officer of many civic institutions, including The Musical Arts Association, Saint Luke's Hospital, The Salvation Army (past chairman), United Way Services (past chairman), Visiting Committee for the Weatherhead School of Management of Case Western Reserve University (past chairman), and the Western Reserve Historical Society.

"I am delighted to join Huntington, which I believe is on the right path to grow," said Robertson. "While other financial institutions are merging with Eastern banks or looking to purchase a bank outside of the Midwest, Huntington is committed to its hometown markets. The Huntington team knows that Cleveland is an important focus for its future."

Robertson is the third Clevelander Huntington has appointed to a high-ranking position this year. In March, Huntington appointed Randall Stickler as senior executive vice president and director of Commercial Real Estate (CRE). He has more than 25 years of banking experience, most recently serving as state of Ohio president for Charter One Bank. He also previously held positions with Chase Properties, Keycorp, Society and Ameritrust.

In June, Huntington appointed Kevin Blakely as senior executive vice president and chief risk officer. Blakely most recently served as president and chief executive officer of The Risk Management Association. Blakely has 35 years of banking experience including holding a variety of risk positions at Key Bank.

**About Huntington**

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a \$52 billion regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Huntington has more than 143 years of serving the financial needs of its customers. Through our subsidiaries, including our banking subsidiary, The Huntington National Bank, we provide full-service commercial and consumer banking services, mortgage banking services, equipment leasing, investment management, trust services, brokerage services, customized insurance service program, and other financial products and services. Our over 600 banking offices are located in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Huntington also offers retail and commercial financial services online at [huntington.com](http://huntington.com); through its technologically advanced, 24-hour telephone bank; and through its network of almost 1,400 ATMs. The Auto Finance and Dealer Services group offers automobile loans to consumers and commercial loans to automobile dealers within our six-state banking franchise area. Selected financial service activities are also conducted in other states including: Private Financial Group offices in Florida; and Mortgage Banking offices in Maryland and New Jersey. International banking services are available through the headquarters office in Columbus and a limited purpose office located in both the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong.