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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**

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**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 10, 2010**

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**BOSTON PROPERTIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-13087**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**04-2473675**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**800 Boylston Street, Suite 1900, Boston, Massachusetts 02199-8103**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(617) 236-3300**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 10, 2010, Edward H. Linde, the Chief Executive Officer and a director of Boston Properties, Inc., passed away.

On January 10, 2010, the Board of Directors of Boston Properties, Inc. named Mortimer B. Zuckerman as Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. Mr. Zuckerman has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Boston Properties, Inc. since June 23, 1997. Mr. Zuckerman co-founded Boston Properties, Inc. in 1970 after spending seven years at Cabot, Cabot & Forbes where he rose to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He is also Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of U.S. News & World Report and Chairman and Publisher of the New York Daily News. He serves as trustee of Memorial Sloan-Kettering and he is also a member of the JPMorgan National Advisory Board, The International Peace Institute, the Bank of America Global Wealth & Investment Management Committee, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Washington Institute for Near East Studies, the International Institute of Strategic Studies and the Board of Directors for the Broad Center for the Management of School Systems. He is also a former Associate Professor of City and Regional Planning at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, a former lecturer of City and Regional Planning at Yale University and a past president of the Board of Trustees of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Mr. Zuckerman was awarded the Commandeur De L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the government of France, the Lifetime Achievement Award from Guild Hall and the Gold Medal from the American Institute of Architecture in New York. Mr. Zuckerman is a graduate of McGill University in Montreal where he received an undergraduate degree in 1957 and a degree in law in 1961. He received an MBA with distinction from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania in 1961 and an LLM from Harvard University in 1962. He has also received three honorary degrees. He is 72 years old.

**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.

BOSTON PROPERTIES, INC.

Date: January 12, 2010

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ MICHAEL E. LABELLE  
Name: Michael E. LaBelle  
Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer