

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2009

**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): December 22, 2009  
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)  
DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

**1-10323**  
(Commission File Number)

**74-2099724**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

**(713) 324-2950**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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

On December 22, 2009, the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Continental Airlines, Inc. (the Company ) appointed a new director, Ms. Carolyn Corvi, to the Company s Board of Directors, after increasing the total number of directors constituting the Board from ten to eleven. Ms. Corvi s term will expire at the 2010 annual meeting of the Company s stockholders.

Ms. Corvi will receive the standard compensation for non-management directors, which is described in the section entitled Corporate Governance Compensation of Non-Management Directors in the Company s Annual Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 24, 2009.

The Company s press release announcing Ms. Corvi s appointment is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release

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SIGNATURE

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

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

December 22, 2009

By /s/ Jennifer L. Vogel  
Jennifer L. Vogel  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel,  
Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release