SONIC CORP Form 8-K April 23, 2008

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): April 18, 2008

SONIC CORP.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

0-18859 (Commission File Number) 73-1371046 (I.R.S. Employer

 $incorporation\ or\ organization)$

Identification No.)

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300 Johnny Bench Drive

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

73104 (Zip Code)

(405) 225-5000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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

(c) The Board of Directors of Sonic Corp. (the Company) has elected W. Scott McLain, who is currently President of the Company s franchising subsidiary, as President of the Company, effective May 1, 2008. Mr. McLain, age 45, has been with the Company for 12 years, previously serving as Executive Vice President of the Company since September 2004 and as Chief Financial Officer of the Company from August 1997 until November 2004. Clifford Hudson, who previously held the position of President, will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

The Company s employment agreement with Mr. McLain is in the same form as its employment agreements with other executive officers, as described in the Company s Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on December 7, 2007.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
 - 99 Press Release, dated April 18, 2008.

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SIGNATURE

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.

REGISTRANT:

SONIC CORP.

Date: April 23, 2008

By: /s/ Carolyn C. Cummins
Carolyn C. Cummins,

Vice President and Corporate Secretary