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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On August 9, 2005, the Board of Directors of The Bank of New York Company, Inc. (the "Company") elected Richard C. Vaughan a member of the Company's Board of Directors effective October 10, 2005.

Mr. Vaughan is expected to serve on the Risk, Audit and Examining and Pension Committees.

A press release announcing the election was issued on August 15, 2005, a copy of which is being filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Mr. Vaughan, 55, was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Lincoln Financial Group from 1995 until his retirement in May 2005. He has served as a director of DaVita Inc. since May 2005.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Index to and Description of Exhibits

(c) Exhibit	Description
99.1	Press release dated August 15, 2005 announcing the election of Mr. Vaughan as a member of the Company's Board of Directors.

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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.

Dated: August 15, 2005

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK COMPANY, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Thomas J. Mastro  
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Name: Thomas J. Mastro

Title: Comptroller