

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): May 31, 2012

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation or Organization)

001-33093
(Commission

File Number)

77-0160744
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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11119 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 200, La Jolla, California, 92037

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(858) 550-7500

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

11085 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 100, La Jolla, California, 92037

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 May 31, 2012, at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the Company or Ligand), the stockholders of Ligand approved the amendment and restatement of the Company's 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (the Amended 2002 Plan).

The Company's 2002 Stock Incentive Plan was amended to increase the number of shares available for issuance under the Amended 2002 Plan by 1,800,000 shares and make certain other immaterial amendments.

A summary of the material terms of the Amended 2002 Plan is set forth in Ligand's definitive proxy statement for the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 27, 2012. The summary in the definitive proxy statement and the description of the Amended 2002 Plan contained herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended 2002 Plan which is filed as an appendix to the definitive proxy statement.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The 2012 annual meeting of stockholders of the Company was held on May 31, 2012. Set forth below is a brief description of each matter voted on at the meeting and the final voting results.

Proposal 1. The election of eight members of the Company's board of directors for terms expiring at the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders. In accordance with the results below, each nominee was elected to serve as a director.

| | Votes For | Votes Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|
| Jason Aryeh | 8,467,385 | 654,757 | 9,004,522 |
| Todd C. Davis | 8,776,266 | 345,876 | 9,004,522 |
| John L. Higgins | 8,728,358 | 393,784 | 9,004,522 |
| David M. Knott | 8,571,173 | 550,969 | 9,004,522 |
| John W. Kozarich | 8,840,877 | 281,265 | 9,004,522 |
| John L. LaMattina | 8,776,462 | 345,680 | 9,004,522 |
| Sunil Patel | 8,559,689 | 562,453 | 9,004,522 |
| Stephen L. Sabba | 8,539,240 | 582,902 | 9,004,522 |

Proposal 2. The ratification of the Audit Committee's selection of Grant Thornton LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending 2012. In accordance with the results below, the selection of Grant Thornton LLP was approved.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 17,774,165 | 187,507 | 164,992 | |

Proposal 3. The approval of the Amended 2002 Plan. In accordance with the results below, the Amended 2002 Plan was approved.

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| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 8,140,507 | 826,162 | 155,473 | 9,004,522 |

Proposal 4. The approval of the compensation of the named executive officers as disclosed in the proxy statement pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In accordance with the results below, the advisory resolution approving the compensation of the Company's named executive officers was approved.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 8,681,335 | 291,074 | 149,733 | 9,004,522 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned.

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: June 4, 2012

By: /s/ Charles S. Berkman
Name: Charles S. Berkman
Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary