

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): May 18, 2021

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-29889
(Commission File No.)
1180 Veterans Boulevard
South San Francisco, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

94-3248524
(IRS Employer Identification No.)
94080
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 624-1100

Not Applicable
(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):

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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	RIGL	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Approval of 2018 Equity Incentive Plan, as Amended

On May 18, 2021, at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), the Company's stockholders approved the amendment to the Company's 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Amended 2018 Plan"), to, among other items, (i) add an additional 825,000 shares to the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance under the Amended 2018 Plan, (ii) remove the automatic nondiscretionary option grants to non-employee directors and (iii) add an overall limit to non-employee director compensation.

The Amended 2018 Plan previously had been approved, subject to stockholder approval, by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"). The Amended 2018 Plan became effective immediately upon stockholder approval at the Annual Meeting.

A more detailed summary of the material features of the Amended 2018 Plan is set forth in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 6, 2021 (the "Proxy Statement"). That summary and the foregoing description are qualified in their entirety by reference to the text of the Amended 2018 Plan, which is attached as *Appendix A* to the Proxy Statement.

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

The following is a brief description of each matter voted upon at the Annual Meeting, as well as the number of votes cast for or against each matter and the number of abstentions and broker non-votes with respect to each matter. A more complete description of each matter is set forth in the Proxy Statement.

Proposal 1: Election of Directors

Each of the two nominees for director, to serve until the Company's 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until his respective successor has been elected and qualified, was elected as follows:

Name of Director	For	Against	Broker Non-Votes
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Gregg A. Lapointe	105,614,601	9,654,184	19,624,612
Brian L. Kotzkin	112,890,408	2,378,377	19,624,612
Gary A. Lyons	74,912,597	40,356,188	19,624,612

Proposal 2: Approval of the Amended 2018 Plan

The Company's stockholders approved the Amended 2018 Plan.

For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Votes
100,707,921	14,393,714	167,150	19,624,612

Proposal 3: Approval of the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as Amended

The Company's stockholders approved the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended.

For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Votes
112,821,225	2,376,094	71,466	19,624,612

Proposal 4: Say-on-Pay

The Company's stockholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as disclosed in the Proxy Statement.

For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Votes
112,131,232	2,818,659	318,894	19,624,612

Proposal 5: Ratification of Appointment of Ernst & Young

The Company's stockholders ratified the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

For	Against	Abstain	Broker Non-Votes
130,579,635	4,162,454	151,308	N/A

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.

Dated: May 21, 2021

RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Dolly A. Vance

Dolly A. Vance

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary