

Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
June 15, 2015

**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)**

**June 10, 2015**

**AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-36352**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**20-8756903**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**(617) 871-2098**  
**(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.**

On June 11, 2015, Jack Nielsen, a Class II Director, notified the Board of Directors (the Board) of Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company) of his intention to resign and submitted his resignation from the Board effective immediately. Prior to his resignation, Mr. Nielsen was a member of the Board's Compensation Committee and the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. As a result of Mr. Nielsen's resignation, the Board will consist of eight directors. The Board does not intend to appoint a new director to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Nielsen's resignation.

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

The Company held its 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 10, 2015. The stockholders (i) elected three directors to the Board to serve for three-year terms expiring in 2018, and (ii) ratified the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015. There were 20,127,162 outstanding shares eligible to vote as of April 15, 2015, the record date for the 2015 Annual Meeting.

The directors elected to the Board for terms expiring at the Annual Meeting in 2018, as well as the number of votes for, votes withheld and broker non-votes with respect to each of these individuals, are set forth below:

Director	Votes For	Votes Withheld	Broker Non-Votes
Ronald C. Renaud, Jr.	9,207,685	21,286	7,719,286
Duane Nash	8,830,607	398,364	7,719,286
Michael D. Clayman	9,207,182	21,789	7,719,286

The proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015 received the following votes:

Votes For:	16,858,719
Votes Against:	86,927
Abstentions:	2,611

**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.

**AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

By: /s/ John P. Butler  
John P. Butler  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 15, 2015