

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP INC

Form 8-K

April 27, 2018

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 25, 2018

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware                              001-31234      75-2969997  
(State or Other Jurisdiction   (Commission   (I.R.S. Employer  
of Incorporation)                      File Number)   Identification Number)  
200 Crescent Court, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75201  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)  
(214) 756-6900  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)  
Not applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

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

As previously announced and as further described under Item 5.07, on April 25, 2018, Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. (the “Company”) held its annual meeting of stockholders in Dallas, Texas (the “Annual Meeting”). The Company’s stockholders approved the Fifth Amended and Restated Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (the “Incentive Plan”). The material revisions of the Incentive Plan included:

• Increase the total number of shares currently authorized under the Incentive Plan by 200,000 shares; and

• Expressly prohibits the accrual or payment of dividends on options.

The Incentive Plan was included as Appendix A to the Definitive Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on March 9, 2018.

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

At the Annual Meeting, the following Proposals 1, 2, 3 and 4 were approved by the Company’s stockholders. No other business was brought before the Annual Meeting. The Proposals are described in detail in the Company’s definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 9, 2018. The voting results for the Annual Meeting are set forth below.

Proposal 1: The stockholders elected the directors listed below to hold office until the next annual meeting and (a) until their respective successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. The voting results for this Proposal 1 were as follows:

| Nominee               | For       | Withheld | Broker Non-Vote |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| Brian O. Casey        | 7,149,404 | 29,738   | 994,091         |
| Richard M. Frank      | 7,120,683 | 58,459   | 994,091         |
| Susan M. Byrne        | 7,146,837 | 32,305   | 994,091         |
| Ellen H. Masterson    | 7,138,604 | 40,538   | 994,091         |
| Robert D. McTeer      | 7,151,032 | 28,110   | 994,091         |
| Geoffrey R. Norman    | 7,132,073 | 47,069   | 994,091         |
| Martin J. Weiland     | 7,118,306 | 60,836   | 994,091         |
| Raymond E. Wooldridge | 7,112,666 | 66,476   | 994,091         |

(b) Proposal 2: The stockholders ratified Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company’s independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2018. The voting results for this Proposal 2 were as follows:

| For       | Against | Abstain |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| 8,008,042 | 135,812 | 29,379  |

(c) Proposal 3: The stockholders approved the Fifth Amended and Restated Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan. The voting results for this Proposal 3 were as follows:

| For       | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|-----------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| 6,357,629 | 818,731 | 2,782   | 994,091         |

(d) Proposal 4: The stockholders approved, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the Company's executive compensation. The voting results for this Proposal 4 were as follows:

| For       | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|-----------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| 7,062,606 | 96,841  | 19,695  | 994,091         |



**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.

WESTWOOD HOLDINGS GROUP, INC.

Date: April 27, 2018      /s/ Brian O. Casey  
Brian O. Casey  
President and Chief Executive Officer