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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): March 31, 2015

Applied Materials, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

000-06920 (Commission

94-1655526 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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3050 Bowers Avenue

P.O. Box 58039

Santa Clara, CA 95052-8039
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 727-5555

N/A

(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.

As provided in the August 2013 employment agreement between Applied Materials, Inc. (the Company) and Michael R. Splinter, Mr. Splinter retired as an executive officer of the Company on March 31, 2015. Mr. Splinter continues to serve on the Company s Board of Directors as Chairman of the Board.

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

The Company s Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held on April 2, 2015 (the Annual Meeting). At the Annual Meeting, the Company s stockholders cast their votes on three proposals, as set forth below.

Proposal 1. Election of Directors.

| | | | | Broker |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Name of Nominee | For | Against | Abstain | Non-Votes |
| Aart J. de Geus | 969,773,512 | 11,066,333 | 6,063,687 | 130,349,249 |
| Gary E. Dickerson | 971,805,671 | 11,045,741 | 4,052,120 | 130,349,249 |
| Stephen R. Forrest | 970,349,380 | 10,400,664 | 6,153,488 | 130,349,249 |
| Thomas J. Iannotti | 956,503,120 | 24,307,089 | 6,093,323 | 130,349,249 |
| Susan M. James | 902,899,292 | 78,006,092 | 5,998,148 | 130,349,249 |
| Alexander A. Karsner | 958,384,846 | 22,350,723 | 6,167,963 | 130,349,249 |
| Dennis D. Powell | 965,873,681 | 14,874,409 | 6,155,442 | 130,349,249 |
| Willem P. Roelandts | 952,603,093 | 28,221,568 | 6,078,871 | 130,349,249 |
| Michael R. Splinter | 963,906,183 | 18,868,954 | 4,128,395 | 130,349,249 |
| Robert H. Swan | 969,608,901 | 11,130,692 | 6,163,939 | 130,349,249 |

Each of the ten nominees was elected to serve as a director for a one-year term and until he or she is succeeded by another qualified director who has been elected, or, if earlier, until his or her death, resignation or removal.

Proposal 2. Approval, on an Advisory Basis, of the Compensation of the Company s Named Executive Officers.

| | | | Broker |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| For | Against | Abstain | Non-Votes |
| 838,174,142 | 142,355,455 | 6,373,935 | 130,349,249 |

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The compensation of the Company s named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company s Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting, was approved on an advisory basis.

Proposal 3. Ratification of the Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

| For | Against | Abstain |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1,105,332,460 | 7,175,435 | 4,744,886 |

The appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2015 was ratified.

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.

Applied Materials, Inc.

(Registrant)

Dated: April 2, 2015

By: /s/ Thomas F. Larkins
Thomas F. Larkins
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate
Secretary