

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC
Form 8-K
May 27, 2010

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 25, 2010

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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11085 North Torrey Pines Road, Suite 300, La Jolla, California, 92037

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(858) 550-7500

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

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

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

The 2010 annual meeting of stockholders of Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the Company) was held on May 25, 2010. 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 six members of the Company's board of directors for terms expiring at the 2011 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 | 29,786,630 | 28,985,861 | 43,580,907 |
| Todd C. Davis | 39,315,701 | 19,456,790 | 43,580,907 |
| John L. Higgins | 57,315,440 | 1,457,051 | 43,580,907 |
| David M. Knott | 39,061,354 | 19,711,137 | 43,580,907 |
| John W. Kozarich | 57,571,046 | 1,201,445 | 43,580,907 |
| Stephen L. Sabba | 57,004,393 | 1,768,098 | 43,580,907 |

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 2010. In accordance with the results below, the selection of Grant Thornton LLP was approved.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 101,175,514 | 1,100,647 | 77,237 | |

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 hereunto duly authorized.

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: May 27, 2010

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