

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
Form 8-K
June 14, 2012

**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 13, 2012

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-22494
(Commission File Number)

88-0304799
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490S
Las Vegas, Nevada
(Address of principal executive offices)

89169
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(702) 567-7000**

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(a) The 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) of Ameristar Casinos, Inc. (the Company) was held on June 13, 2012.

(b) The following table shows the tabulation of votes for all matters put to vote at the Annual Meeting.

| Matters Put to Vote | For | Against/Withheld | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|---|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Election of Thomas M. Steinbauer as a Class B Director | 26,000,587 | 2,038,065 | 0 | 1,974,054 |
| Election of Leslie Nathanson Juris as a Class B Director | 27,770,737 | 267,915 | 0 | 1,974,054 |
| Proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2012 | 29,669,225 | 334,848 | 8,633 | 0 |
| Proposal to reapprove the Company's Performance-Based Annual Bonus Plan | 27,758,640 | 259,646 | 20,366 | 1,974,054 |
| Proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers | 27,707,992 | 309,708 | 20,952 | 1,974,054 |

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.

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

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| By: | /s/ Peter C. Walsh | |
| | Name: | Peter C. Walsh |
| | Title: | Senior Vice President and General Counsel |

Dated: June 14, 2012