

Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.
Form 8-K
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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): May 4, 2018 (May 3, 2018)

RYMAN HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

One Gaylord Drive

1-13079
(Commission

File Number)

73-0664379
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

37214

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Nashville, Tennessee

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 316-6000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 5.07. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

On May 3, 2018, Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. (the Company) held its annual meeting of stockholders (the Annual Meeting). As of the record date for the Annual Meeting, there were 51,214,565 shares of the Company's common stock outstanding and entitled to vote on all matters presented to the Company's stockholders at the Annual Meeting. Holders of 46,702,758 shares of the Company's common stock were present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting. The stockholders of the Company voted on three of the four proposals included in the Company's proxy statement for the Annual Meeting, as noted below. Each proposal is described more fully in the Company's proxy statement for the Annual Meeting. The matters submitted to a vote of security holders at the Annual Meeting were as follows:

MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS:

1. Election to the Company's Board of Directors of the following nine director nominees:

| | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Michael J. Bender | 41,352,407 | 699,272 | 11,431 | 4,639,648 |
| Rachna Bhasin | 41,516,043 | 535,215 | 11,852 | 4,639,648 |
| Alvin Bowles Jr. | 41,496,753 | 553,959 | 12,398 | 4,639,648 |
| Ellen Levine | 41,713,452 | 339,076 | 10,582 | 4,639,648 |
| Fazal Merchant | 41,992,668 | 55,992 | 14,450 | 4,639,648 |
| Patrick Q. Moore | 41,411,430 | 640,216 | 11,464 | 4,639,648 |
| Robert S. Prather, Jr. | 41,231,665 | 819,790 | 11,655 | 4,639,648 |
| Colin V. Reed | 41,304,512 | 697,322 | 61,276 | 4,639,648 |
| Michael I. Roth | 34,940,714 | 7,110,390 | 12,006 | 4,639,648 |

2. Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as disclosed in the Company's 2018 proxy statement (i.e., say-on-pay):

| For | Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 40,184,086 | 1,818,453 | 60,571 | 4,639,648 |

3. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2018 fiscal year:

| For | Against | Abstentions |
|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 45,810,946 | 875,446 | 16,366 |

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL:

4. The stockholder proposal requesting that the Company effect a tax-deferred spin-off of the Company's Entertainment business into a separate publicly-traded C-corporation was withdrawn by the stockholder proponent prior to the Annual Meeting and was therefore not voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

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.

RYMAN HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES, INC.

Date: May 4, 2018

By: /s/ Scott Lynn

Name: Scott Lynn

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Title: Secretary