

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.
Form 8-K
May 19, 2011

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 19, 2011

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-8940
(Commission
File Number)

13-3260245
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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6601 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia
(Address of principal executive offices)

23230
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (804) 274-2200

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On May 19, 2011, Altria Group, Inc. (the Company) held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders (Annual Meeting). There were 1,751,123,946 shares of common stock of the Company, constituting 83.65% of outstanding shares on March 28, 2011, the record date, represented in person or by proxy at the meeting. The matters voted upon at the Annual Meeting and the final results of such voting are set forth below:

Proposal 1: To elect nine* directors of the Company.

| Name | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Elizabeth E. Bailey | 1,200,813,066 | 86,511,045 | 3,544,292 | 460,255,490 |
| Gerald L. Baliles | 1,153,122,527 | 133,801,706 | 3,944,171 | 460,255,490 |
| John T. Casteen III | 1,130,289,426 | 156,765,035 | 3,603,943 | 460,255,490 |
| Dinyar S. Devitre | 1,268,245,212 | 18,994,576 | 3,628,567 | 460,255,490 |
| Thomas F. Farrell II | 1,210,921,780 | 76,414,420 | 3,526,956 | 460,255,490 |
| Thomas W. Jones | 1,209,314,533 | 78,121,546 | 3,432,246 | 460,255,490 |
| George Muñoz | 1,276,940,142 | 10,268,163 | 3,657,838 | 460,255,490 |
| Nabil Y. Sakkab | 1,229,947,397 | 56,669,559 | 4,249,097 | 460,255,490 |
| Michael E. Szymanczyk | 1,256,851,961 | 29,843,800 | 4,172,594 | 460,255,490 |

All director nominees were duly elected.

* As previously reported, in connection with Mr. Huntley's decision not to stand for re-election to the Board of Directors of the Company (the Board), the Board amended Article II, Section 2 of the Amended and Restated By-Laws, filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 25, 2011, in order to decrease the size of the Board from ten (10) to nine (9) directors, effective May 19, 2011.

Proposal 2: Ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

| For | Against | Abstain |
|---------------|------------|-----------|
| 1,713,655,706 | 32,790,715 | 4,677,426 |

The selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm was ratified.

Proposal 3: Advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1,196,060,628 | 86,795,720 | 8,001,906 | 460,255,490 |

The proposal was approved on an advisory basis.

Proposal 4: Advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

| 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 807,125,216 | 26,782,938 | 320,254,330 | 136,703,281 | 460,255,490 |

The shareholders voted, on an advisory basis, on the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as set forth in the table above.

Proposal 5: Shareholder Proposal - Address Concerns Regarding Tobacco Flavoring.

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Vote |
|------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| 29,582,433 | 1,162,156,993 | 99,126,520 | 460,255,490 |

The proposal was defeated.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

In connection with the Annual Meeting and the Board meeting on May 19, 2011, the Company issued a press release on May 19, 2011, in which the Company, among other things, announced that in connection with Mr. Huntley's retirement the Board has appointed Mr. Thomas F. Farrell II to serve as Presiding Director. As previously reported, the Board has affirmatively determined that Mr. Farrell is independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

In addition, the Company reaffirmed earnings guidance for 2011 in the press release.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits hereto, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing or document.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Altria Group, Inc. Press Release dated May 19, 2011 (furnished pursuant to Item 7.01)

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.

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ W. HILDEBRANDT SURGNER, JR.
Name: W. Hildebrandt Surgner, Jr.
Title: Corporate Secretary and
Senior Assistant General Counsel

DATE: May 19, 2011

EXHIBIT INDEX

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