

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
September 22, 2016

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): September 20, 2016

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware	001-33093	77-0160744
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3911 Sorrento Valley Boulevard, Suite 110	92121
San Diego, CA	(Zip Code)
(Address of principal executive offices)	

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(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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 20, 2016, the board of directors of Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the "Company") designated Matthew Korenberg, its Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer, as the principal accounting officer of the Company effective immediately. The Company designated Mr. Korenberg as its principal accounting officer following the transition of Melanie J. Herman, its previous principal accounting officer, to a new part-time role with the Company and her subsequent resignation as its principal accounting officer.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: September 22, 2016 By: /s/ Charles Berkman

Name: Charles Berkman

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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