

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC
Form 8-K
April 22, 2009

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): April 20, 2009

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.)
10275 Science Center Drive, San Diego, California, 92121-1117		

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(858) 550-7500

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

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

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- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 April 20, 2009, Bruce A. Peacock, a member of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the Company or Ligand), notified the Company of his decision not to stand for re-election at our upcoming annual stockholders meeting on May 29, 2009. The decision by Mr. Peacock not to stand for re-election to the Board was not the result of any disagreement with Ligand on any matter related to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

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.

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

Date: April 22, 2009

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