
**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): January 18, 2012

VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-51863
(Commission
File No.)

03-0491827
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**9605 Medical Center Drive
Suite 300**

Rockville, Maryland 20850

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (240) 599-4500

Not Applicable

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

(b) On January 18, 2012, Argeris N. Karabelas, Ph.D. resigned as a member of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the "Company"), as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee of the Board, and as a member of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee of the Board, in order to attend to personal matters. With best wishes, the Company thanks Dr. Karabelas for his dedicated service and extensive contribution as a member of the Board since the founding of the Company, when he served as the Chairman. In accordance with the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Board has reduced the number of directors of the Company from seven to six. Vincent J. Milano, one of the Company's current directors, has been appointed to serve as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee in replacement of Dr. Karabelas.

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.

Date: January 20, 2012

VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

By: /s/ James Kelly

Name: James Kelly

Title: Chief Financial Officer