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): April 22, 2021

BEAM THERAPEUTICS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 26 Landsdowne St. Cambridge, MA (Address of principal executive offices) | | 001-39208 (Commission File Number) | 81-5238376 (IRS Employer Identification No.) | | | |
| | | , | 02139 (Zip Code) | | | |
| | (Registrant | 's telephone number, including area code |): (857) 327-8775 | | | |
| | (1 | Not Applicable Former name or former address, if changed since last | t report) | | | |
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| | the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is integeneral Instruction A.2. below): | ended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obl | ligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions | | | |
| | Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) | | | | | |
| | Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) | | | | | |
| | 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)) | | | | | |
| Secur | ities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: | | | | | |
| | Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered | | | |
| | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per sha | | Nasdaq Global Select Market | | | |
| of the Emerg | Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chiging growth company ⊠ | apter). Pregistrant has elected not to use the extende | the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 | | | |

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

On April 22, 2021, Stephen Knight, M.D., provided Beam Therapeutics Inc. (the "Company") with notice of his resignation from the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") and all committees of the Board on which he served, effective as of April 22, 2021. Dr. Knight's decision to resign did not result from any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices. Following the resignation, the Board reduced its size from eight to seven directors.

SIGNATURES

| Pursuant to the requirements of the Se | curities Exchange Act of 1934, | the registrant has duly | caused this report to b | e signed on its behalf | by the undersigned |
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| hereunto duly authorized. | | | | | |

| Date: April 23, 2021 | By: _ | /s/ John Evans |
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| | | John Evans |
| | | Chief Executive Officer |

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