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September 27, 2018

Dear Fellow Stockholders:

On behalf of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Rite Aid Corporation ("Rite Aid" or the "Company"), we want to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m., local time, on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at the New York Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway, New York, NY 10036. At the meeting, stockholders will vote on the proposals set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting and the accompanying proxy statement.

As a Board, our focus remains on taking actions to best position Rite Aid for the long term in the face of the various industry, economic and company-specific challenges. Our top priorities include continuing to engage with our stockholders, executing on Rite Aid's strategic plan and creating long-term stockholder value. Rite Aid's network of conveniently located retail pharmacies, our EnvisionRxOptions Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) company and our trusted brand of health and wellness offerings provide a strong foundation to create long-term value for our stockholders.

Since the termination of the Albertsons transaction, our Board has spearheaded a campaign to have our independent directors engage with our stockholders. Independent directors and management together have reached out to 11 of our largest stockholders, owning in the aggregate approximately 38% of our shares, and independent directors have engaged directly with six of these stockholders to date, owning in the aggregate approximately 29% of our shares. In addition, management has communicated with many retail stockholders and received their feedback. We greatly value the insightful input about Rite Aid that our stockholders have provided in these and other exchanges.

Based on the feedback we received, and consistent with our commitment to align Rite Aid's interests with those of our stockholders, we are making several changes to strengthen and enhance the Board's governance oversight. First, the Board has decided to separate the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Bruce G. Bodaken will hold the position of Chairman effective at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Board also has significantly accelerated its efforts to change the composition of the Board. As part of that refreshment process, three of our current eight independent directors will not be standing for re-election and we are nominating three new independent directors Robert E. Knowling, Jr., Louis P. Miramontes and Arun Nayar. These changes will bring fresh perspectives to the opportunities and challenges before us. Our new director nominees, Bob, Lou and Arun, also bring public company experience, strategic planning skills and financial expertise to the Board. We are committed to continuing the Board refreshment process over the next year to ensure we have the right mix of experience, expertise and fresh perspectives to guide Rite Aid going forward.

One of the Board's most important tasks is choosing the Company's Chief Executive Officer. After rigorous and thoughtful evaluation and discussion, the Board firmly believes that John Standley is best situated to serve as Rite Aid's Chief Executive Officer. In reaching this conclusion, the Board considered his extensive industry experience and in-depth understanding of all aspects of the Company, including its customers, operations and key business drivers. The Board believes this experience and understanding will be vital to navigating the Company through its current challenges and building stockholder value for the long term, as well as providing stability to the Company's many constituents.

The Board also has been deeply involved in overseeing management's development of the strategic initiatives that the Company is undertaking to enhance stockholder value as a stand-alone company.

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These initiatives are designed to capitalize on Rite Aid's valuable store and PBM businesses to grow revenues, improve efficiency and drive profitability. As part of this effort, we are taking actions to drive prescription growth and front-end sales by working to expand our access to preferred and limited networks, enhancing our pharmacy clinical capabilities to improve patient outcomes, leveraging our valuable Wellness brand, refining our merchandising efforts and expanding our omnichannel capabilities. Our actions also include expanding EnvisionRxOptions' Medicare Part D business, improving payor relations to stabilize reimbursement rate pressures, obtaining efficient generic drug pricing and continuing to control costs through a leaner, more efficient structure.

As the Board continues to oversee management's implementation of these strategic initiatives, it believes that Mr. Standley's knowledge and experience are critical to their successful execution. Going forward, our new Chairman, Mr. Bodaken, and our other independent directors will continue to evaluate Mr. Standley's performance in executing these strategic initiatives, and will work with Mr. Standley to review, evaluate and develop all levels of senior management.

We view the governance changes described above as the first steps in reinvigorating our corporate governance practices and policies. Over the coming year, the Board will continue to seek stockholder input and identify new candidates to further refresh the Board. We will also consider corporate governance enhancements, including addressing items specifically raised by stockholders in the course of our recent and ongoing engagement efforts. The attached proxy statement contains additional information concerning topics raised by some of our stockholders in the course of that engagement and our review of additional corporate governance changes.

Your vote is important to us. Please vote as soon as possible even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting. We appreciate your continued ownership of Rite Aid shares and your support.

Sincerely,

The Continuing Independent Directors of  
Rite Aid:

Joseph B. Anderson, Jr.

Bruce G. Bodaken

Kevin E. Lofton

Michael N. Regan

Marcy Syms

Refer to the section titled "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" for a discussion of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected.

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## RITE AID CORPORATION

P.O. BOX 3165  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held on October 30, 2018

To Our Stockholders:

What: Our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

When: October 30, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., local time

Where: New York Marriott Marquis,  
1535 Broadway,  
New York, NY 10036

Why: At this Annual Meeting, stockholders will be asked to:

1. Elect nine directors to hold office until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified;
2. Ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm;
3. Approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as presented in the proxy statement;
4. Consider and vote on three stockholder proposals, if properly presented at the Annual Meeting; and
5. Transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting.

The close of business on September 10, 2018 has been fixed as the record date for determining those Rite Aid stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Accordingly, only stockholders of record at the close of business on that date will receive this notice of, and be eligible to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting. The above items of business for the Annual Meeting are more fully described in the proxy statement accompanying this notice.

**Your vote is important.** Please read the proxy statement and the instructions on the enclosed proxy card and then, whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, and no matter how many shares you own, please submit your proxy promptly by telephone or via the Internet in accordance with the instructions on the enclosed proxy card, or by completing, dating and returning your proxy card in the envelope provided. This will not prevent you from voting in person at the Annual Meeting. It will, however, help to assure a quorum and to avoid added proxy solicitation costs.

You may revoke your proxy at any time before the vote is taken by delivering to the Secretary of Rite Aid a written revocation or a proxy with a later date (including a proxy by telephone or via the Internet) or by voting your shares in person at the Annual Meeting, in which case your prior proxy would be disregarded.

By order of the Board of Directors

James J. Comitale  
*Secretary*  
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania  
September 27, 2018

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## **RITE AID CORPORATION**

**P.O. BOX 3165  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105**

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### **PROXY STATEMENT**

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#### **FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**To Be Held on October 30, 2018**

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#### **Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to be Held on October 30, 2018:**

**The proxy statement and annual report, as well as the Company's proxy card, are available at  
[www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).**

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This proxy statement is being furnished to you by the Board of Directors (the "Board" or "Board of Directors") of Rite Aid Corporation (the "Company" or "Rite Aid") to solicit your proxy to vote your shares at our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"). The Annual Meeting will be held on October 30, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., local time, at the New York Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway, New York, NY 10036.

This proxy statement, the foregoing notice and the accompanying proxy card are first being mailed on or about September 27, 2018 to all holders of our common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. At Rite Aid and in this proxy statement, we refer to our employees as associates.

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING**

##### ***Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?***

Holders of Rite Aid common stock as of the close of business on the record date, September 10, 2018, will receive notice of, and be eligible to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting. At the close of business on the record date, Rite Aid had outstanding and entitled to vote 1,065,434,682 shares of common stock. No other shares of Rite Aid capital stock are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

##### ***What matters will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?***



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There are six proposals that are scheduled to be considered and voted on at the Annual Meeting:

Proposal No. 1: Elect nine directors to hold office until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified;

Proposal No. 2: Ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm;

Proposal No. 3: Conduct an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers as presented in this proxy statement;

Proposal No. 4: Consider a stockholder proposal seeking to adopt a policy that the chairman be an independent director;

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Proposal No. 5: Consider a stockholder proposal seeking a sustainability report; and

Proposal No. 6: Consider a stockholder proposal seeking a report on governance measures related to opioids.

Stockholders will also be asked to consider and vote at the Annual Meeting on any other matter that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting. At this time, the Board of Directors is unaware of any matters, other than those set forth above and the possible submission of the Weiss Proposal, as described in the section entitled "Other Matters," that may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

***What are the Board's voting recommendations?***

The Board recommends that you vote "FOR" the nominees of the Board in the election of directors, "FOR" the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, "FOR" the approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers as presented in this proxy statement and "AGAINST" each of the stockholder proposals.

***What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?***

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Broadridge Corporate Issuer Services, you are considered the "stockholder of record" with respect to those shares.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, those shares are held in "street name" and you are considered the "beneficial owner" of the shares. As the beneficial owner of those shares, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or nominee how to vote your shares, and you will receive separate instructions from your broker, bank or other holder of record describing how to vote your shares.

***How can I vote my shares before the Annual Meeting?***

**If you hold your shares in your own name**, you may submit a proxy by telephone, via the Internet or by mail.

*Submitting a Proxy by Telephone:* You can submit a proxy for your shares by telephone until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on October 29, 2018, by calling the toll-free telephone number on the enclosed proxy card, 1-800-690-6903. Telephone proxy submission is available 24 hours a day. Easy-to-follow voice prompts allow you to submit a proxy for your shares and confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. Our telephone proxy submission procedures are designed to authenticate stockholders by using individual control numbers.

*Submitting a Proxy via the Internet:* You can submit a proxy for your shares via the Internet until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on October 29, 2018, by accessing the website listed on the enclosed proxy card, [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), and following the instructions you will find on the website. Internet proxy submission is available 24 hours a day. As with telephone proxy submission, you will be given the opportunity to confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded.

*Submitting a Proxy by Mail:* If you choose to submit a proxy for your shares by mail, simply mark the enclosed proxy card, date and sign it, and return it in the postage paid envelope provided.

By casting your vote in any of the three ways listed above, you are authorizing the individuals listed on the proxy to vote your shares in accordance with your instructions. You may also attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person.

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**If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other nominee**, you will receive instructions from the holder of record that you must follow for your shares to be voted. The availability of telephonic or Internet voting will depend on the bank's or broker's voting process. Please check with your bank or broker and follow the voting procedures your bank or broker provides to vote your shares. Also, please note that if the holder of record of your shares is a bank, broker or other nominee and you wish to vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must request a legal proxy from your bank, broker or other nominee that holds your shares and present that proxy and proof of identification at the Annual Meeting; otherwise, you will not be able to vote in person at the Annual Meeting.

***If I am the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" by my broker, will my broker automatically vote my shares for me?***

New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") rules applicable to brokers grant your broker discretionary authority to vote your shares without receiving your instructions on certain matters. Your broker has discretionary voting authority under NYSE rules to vote your shares on the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm. However, unless you provide voting instructions to your broker, your broker does not have discretionary authority to vote on the election of directors, the advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers and the vote on the stockholder proposals. **Accordingly, it is particularly important that beneficial owners instruct their brokers how they wish to vote their shares.**

***How will my shares be voted if I give my proxy but do not specify how my shares should be voted?***

If you provide specific voting instructions, your shares will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with your instructions. If you hold shares in your name and sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions, your shares will be voted "FOR" the nominees of the Board in the election of directors, "FOR" the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, "FOR" the approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers and "AGAINST" each of the stockholder proposals.

***Could other matters be decided at the Annual Meeting?***

At this time, we are unaware of any matters, other than those set forth above and the possible submission of the Weiss Proposal, as described in the section entitled "Other Matters," that may properly come before the Annual Meeting. If any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy, or their duly constituted substitutes acting at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting, will be deemed authorized to vote or otherwise act on such matters in accordance with their judgment.

***Who may attend the Annual Meeting?***

All stockholders are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Persons who are not stockholders may attend only if invited by the Board of Directors. If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee, you must bring proof of ownership (e.g., a current broker's statement) in order to be admitted to the meeting. You can obtain directions to the Annual Meeting by contacting our Investor Relations Department at (717) 975-3710.

***Can I vote in person at the Annual Meeting?***

Yes. If you hold shares in your own name as a stockholder of record, you may come to the Annual Meeting and cast your vote at the meeting by properly completing and submitting a ballot. **If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in the name of your broker, bank or other nominee, you must first obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or other nominee giving you the right to vote those shares**

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**and submit that proxy along with a properly completed ballot at the meeting; otherwise, you will not be able to vote in person at the Annual Meeting.**

***How can I change my vote?***

You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is exercised by:

Delivering to the Secretary a written notice of revocation, dated later than the proxy, before the vote is taken at the Annual Meeting;

Delivering to the Secretary an executed proxy bearing a later date, before the vote is taken at the Annual Meeting;

Submitting a proxy on a later date by telephone or via the Internet (only your last telephone or Internet proxy will be counted), before 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on October 29, 2018; or

Attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person (your attendance at the Annual Meeting, in and of itself, will not revoke the proxy).

Any written notice of revocation, or later dated proxy, should be delivered to:

Rite Aid Corporation  
30 Hunter Lane  
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011  
Attention: James J. Comitale, Secretary

Alternatively, you may hand deliver a written revocation notice, or a later dated proxy, to the Secretary at the Annual Meeting before we begin voting.

If your shares of Rite Aid common stock are held by a bank, broker or other nominee, you must follow the instructions provided by the bank, broker or other nominee if you wish to change your vote.

***What is an "abstention" and how would it affect the vote?***

An "abstention" occurs when a stockholder sends in a proxy with explicit instructions to decline to vote regarding a particular matter. Abstentions are counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum. An abstention with respect to the election of directors is neither a vote cast "for" a nominee nor a vote cast "against" the nominee and, therefore, will have no effect on the outcome of the vote. Abstentions with respect to the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, the advisory vote on compensation of our named executive officers and the vote on the stockholder proposals will have the same effect as voting "against" the proposal.

***What is a broker "non-vote" and how would it affect the vote?***

A broker non-vote occurs when a broker or other nominee who holds shares for the beneficial owner is unable to vote those shares for the beneficial owner because the broker or other nominee does not have discretionary voting power for the proposal and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner of the shares. Brokers will have discretionary voting power to vote shares for which no voting instructions have been provided by the beneficial owner only with respect to the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm. Brokers will not have such discretionary voting power to vote shares with respect to the election of directors, the advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers and the vote on the stockholder proposals. Shares that are the subject of a broker non-vote are included for quorum purposes, but a broker non-vote with respect to a proposal will not be counted as a vote cast and will not be counted as a vote represented at the meeting and entitled to vote and, consequently, will have no effect on the

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outcome of the vote. Accordingly, it is particularly important that beneficial owners of Rite Aid shares instruct their brokers how to vote their shares.

***What are the quorum and voting requirements for the proposals?***

In deciding the proposals that are scheduled for a vote at the Annual Meeting, each holder of common stock as of the record date is entitled to one vote per share of common stock. In order to take action on the proposals, a quorum, consisting of the holders of 532,717,342 shares (a majority of the aggregate number of shares of Rite Aid common stock) issued and outstanding and entitled to vote as of the record date for the Annual Meeting, must be present in person or by proxy. This is referred to as a "quorum." Proxies marked "Abstain" and broker non-votes will be treated as shares that are present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

*Proposal No. 1 Election of Directors*

The affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of votes cast is required for the election of each director nominee named in Proposal No. 1. This means that the votes cast "for" that nominee must exceed the votes cast "against" that nominee. Any shares not voted (whether by abstention, broker non-vote or otherwise) will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the outcome of the vote. For more information on the operation of our majority voting standard, see the section entitled "Board of Directors Corporate Governance Majority Voting Standard and Policy."

*Proposal No. 2 Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm*

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented at the meeting and entitled to vote is required for the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm in Proposal No. 2. Any shares represented and entitled to vote at the meeting and not voted (whether by abstention or otherwise) will have the same effect as a vote "against" the proposal.

*Proposal No. 3 Advisory Vote on Compensation of Named Executive Officers*

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented at the meeting and entitled to vote is required for the approval of the advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers in Proposal No. 3. Any shares represented and entitled to vote at the meeting and not voted (whether by abstention or otherwise) will have the same effect as a vote "against" the proposal. Any broker non-votes with respect to the advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers will not be counted as shares represented at the meeting and entitled to vote and, consequently, will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

*Proposal No. 4, Proposal No. 5 and Proposal No. 6 Stockholder Proposals*

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented at the meeting and entitled to vote is required for the approval of each of the stockholder proposals in Proposal No. 4, Proposal No. 5 and Proposal No. 6. Any shares represented and entitled to vote at the meeting and not voted (whether by abstention or otherwise) will have the same effect as a vote "against" the stockholder proposals. Any broker non-votes with respect to the stockholder proposals will not be counted as shares represented at the meeting and entitled to vote and, consequently, will have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

***What happens if a quorum is not present at the Annual Meeting?***

If the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting are not sufficient to constitute a quorum, the stockholders by a vote of the holders of a majority of votes present in person or represented by proxy (which may be voted by the proxyholders) may, without further notice to any

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stockholder (unless a new record date is set), adjourn the meeting to a different time and place to permit further solicitations of proxies sufficient to constitute a quorum.

***Who will count the votes?***

Representatives of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. will tabulate the votes and act as inspectors of election.

***Who will conduct the proxy solicitation and how much will it cost?***

We are soliciting proxies from stockholders on behalf of our Board and will pay for all costs incurred by it in connection with the solicitation. In addition to solicitation by mail, the directors, officers and associates of Rite Aid and its subsidiaries may solicit proxies from stockholders of Rite Aid in person or by telephone, facsimile or email without additional compensation other than reimbursement for their actual expenses.

We have retained Morrow Sodali, LLC, a proxy solicitation firm, to assist us in the solicitation of proxies for the Annual Meeting. Rite Aid will pay Morrow Sodali a fee of approximately \$20,000, plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

Arrangements also will be made with brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for the forwarding of solicitation material to the beneficial owners of stock held of record by such persons, and we will reimburse such custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the forwarding of solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of our stock.

**If you have any questions about voting your shares or attending the Annual Meeting, please call our Investor Relations Department at (717) 975-3710.**

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**STOCKHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND BOARD REFRESHMENT**

Following termination of the Albertsons transaction, we engaged in enhanced stockholder outreach efforts. Our independent directors and management together have reached out to 11 of our largest stockholders, owning in the aggregate approximately 38% of Rite Aid shares, and independent directors have engaged directly with six of these stockholders to date, owning in the aggregate approximately 29% of Rite Aid shares. These efforts provided an opportunity for independent directors to hear from stockholders directly regarding their perspectives and concerns. In addition, management has communicated with many retail stockholders and received their feedback. We greatly value the insightful input about the Company that our stockholders have provided in these and other exchanges. The feedback from these efforts was summarized, shared and considered by the Nominating and Governance Committee and the full Board.

Investors raised a number of concerns and the Board has taken significant steps to address these items, with more work to be done. Specifically, the principal issues raised by our stockholders related to: (1) Board refreshment, (2) an evaluation of management, (3) corporate governance matters and (4) the Company's sustainability efforts.

**New Board Leadership and Composition**

In the course of our stockholder engagement meetings, stockholders expressed concerns regarding the lack of Board refreshment in recent years, as well as concerns regarding our Board governance. The Board has reviewed its structure in light of the Company's current operating and governance environment and determined that, effective at the Annual Meeting, Mr. Standley will be succeeded as Chairman of the Board by Bruce G. Bodaken. The Board believes that Mr. Bodaken will provide excellent leadership of the Board in his role as Chairman. Mr. Bodaken brings to the position in-depth knowledge of the health insurance and managed care industries and more than 20 years of executive leadership skills. Moreover, the Board has significantly accelerated its efforts to change the composition of the Board. As part of this process, three of the current eight independent directors are not standing for re-election and the Board has nominated three new independent directors. Robert E. Knowling, Jr., Louis P. Miramontes and Arun Nayar will bring fresh perspectives to the Board, as well as public company experience, strategic planning skills and financial expertise.

The Board sought to balance the need for new perspectives while retaining the benefit of current members' deep understanding of the Company's business, strategy and challenges. The Board also considered current directors' time availability in light of their other business commitments. As a result of these changes in the Board's composition, the average tenure of our independent directors will decrease from approximately eight years to approximately six years, with a relatively even distribution among new directors, directors of medium tenure and directors of longer tenure. Through the Board refreshment process, the Board will increase the racial and ethnic diversity on the Board, with a majority of the Board being racially and ethnically diverse. The Board recognizes that its gender diversity will decrease in connection with this initial stage of refreshment and is committed to considering women candidates and making gender diversity a priority as part of its ongoing refreshment in the coming year.

In the course of this refreshment process, the Board considered the fact that Joseph B. Anderson, Jr. exceeds the Board's retirement age and decided to waive this requirement for Mr. Anderson's nomination this year. Specifically, the Board concluded that, in light of the number of directors not standing for re-election and the number of new directors nominated for election at the Annual Meeting, the Board would benefit from Mr. Anderson's continued service on the Board, as he would bring important experience and knowledge about the Company that would be beneficial as the new Board members continue to gain familiarity with Rite Aid's business. As the Board refreshment process

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continues over the next year, the Board does not anticipate waiving this requirement for Mr. Anderson beyond this Annual Meeting.

Moving forward, the Board refreshment process will continue over the next year to ensure we have the right mix of experience, expertise and fresh perspectives to guide Rite Aid going forward. The Board recognizes that stockholders expect the initial steps we are taking this year in the refreshment process to be the beginning and not the end.

**Evaluation of Management**

In the course of our recent engagement efforts, stockholders sought confirmation that the Board has considered and evaluated management. One of the Board's most important tasks is choosing the Company's Chief Executive Officer. After rigorous and thoughtful evaluation and discussion, the Board has reaffirmed its strongly held belief that John Standley is best situated to serve as Rite Aid's Chief Executive Officer. In making this determination, the Board considered his extensive industry experience and in-depth understanding of all aspects of the Company, including its customers, operations and key business drivers. The Board believes this experience and understanding will be vital to navigating the Company through its current challenges and building stockholder value for the long term, as well as providing stability to the Company's many constituents.

Our mission is to improve the health and wellness of our communities through engaging experiences that provide our customers with the best products, services and advice to meet their unique needs. To achieve this mission, we are focused on three strategic priorities: serving as the trusted advisor of our pharmacy customers, providing our customers with a convenient and personalized shopping experience and building a winning value proposition for payors and providers.

In order to achieve these priorities, the Board has been deeply involved in overseeing management's development and implementation of a number of strategic initiatives which are designed to capitalize on Rite Aid's valuable store and pharmacy benefit manager ("PBM") businesses to grow revenues, improve efficiency and drive profitability. This includes taking actions to drive prescription growth and front-end sales by working to expand our access to preferred and limited networks, enhancing our pharmacy clinical capabilities to improve patient outcomes, leveraging our valuable Wellness brand, refining our merchandising efforts and expanding our omnichannel capabilities. In addition, we are focused on expanding PBM EnvisionRxOptions' Medicare Part D business, improving payor relations to stabilize reimbursement rate pressures, obtaining efficient generic drug pricing and continuing to control costs through a leaner, more efficient structure.

The Board believes that Mr. Standley's knowledge and experience are critical to moving forward quickly on these strategic initiatives, many of which are underway. Going forward, our new Chairman, Bruce G. Bodaken, and our other directors, all of whom are independent directors other than Mr. Standley, will continue the Board's ongoing role in evaluating Mr. Standley's performance in executing these strategic initiatives, and will work with Mr. Standley to review, evaluate and develop all levels of senior management.

**Additional Corporate Governance Changes**

Over the coming year, the Board plans to consider certain corporate governance practices, including items of discussion raised in the course of our recent stockholder engagement efforts. The Board also will consider the Investor Stewardship Group Principles to determine whether other changes are appropriate as part of the effort to address stockholder concerns relating to corporate governance matters.

The Board also will consider enhancements to its current oversight of the Company's environmental practices and sustainability efforts. The Company views sustainability business principles



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as part of our overall business strategy, and the Board receives periodic updates from the Company's management on sustainability initiatives. Additional details regarding the Company's consideration of sustainability matters and the related business initiatives the Company has undertaken in recent years are described in the section entitled "Board of Directors Sustainability."

The Board anticipates continuing its stockholder engagement efforts in the coming year in order to ensure that it is receiving stockholder feedback as the Company continues to move forward. The process of enhancing our corporate governance and refreshing our Board has only just begun, and we plan to continue these efforts moving forward.

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Our By-Laws provide that the Board of Directors may be composed of up to 15 members, with the number to be fixed from time to time by the Board. The Board has fixed the number of directors at nine, and there are nine nominees for director at our Annual Meeting.

**Director Nominees**

The Board of Directors, based on the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee, has nominated Joseph B. Anderson, Jr., Bruce G. Bodaken, Robert E. Knowling, Jr., Kevin E. Lofton, Louis P. Miramontes, Arun Nayar, Michael N. Regan, John T. Standley and Marcy Syms to be elected directors at the Annual Meeting. Other than Mr. Knowling, Mr. Miramontes and Mr. Nayar, each of the nominees for director to be elected at the Annual Meeting currently serves as a director of the Company. In selecting Mr. Anderson as a nominee, the Board considered Mr. Anderson's age voted to waive the requirement that a nominee has not yet reached the age of 72. Specifically, the Board concluded that, in light of the number of directors not standing for re-election and the number of new directors nominated for election at the Annual Meeting, the Board would benefit from Mr. Anderson's continued service on the Board, as he would bring important experience and knowledge about the Company's strategy and challenges that would be beneficial as the new Board members continue to gain familiarity with Rite Aid's business. As the Board refreshment process continues over the next year, the Board does not anticipate waiving this requirement for Mr. Anderson beyond this Annual Meeting.

Each director elected at the Annual Meeting will hold office until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Each director elected at the Annual Meeting will serve until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified.

If any nominee at the time of election is unable or unwilling to serve or is otherwise unavailable for election, and as a consequence thereof other nominees are designated, then the persons named in the proxy or their substitutes will have the discretion and authority to vote or to refrain from voting for other nominees in accordance with their judgment.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE NOMINEES LISTED ABOVE.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The following table sets forth certain information as of September 10, 2018 with respect to our director nominees. If elected, the term of each of the following persons will expire at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position with Rite Aid</b>	<b>Year First Became Director</b>
John T. Standley	55	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	2009
Joseph B. Anderson, Jr.	75	Director	2005
Bruce G. Bodaken	66	Director	2013
Robert E. Knowling, Jr.	63	Nominee	
Kevin E. Lofton	63	Director	2013
Louis P. Miramontes	64	Nominee	
Arun Nayar	67	Nominee	
Michael N. Regan	70	Director	2007
Marcy Syms	67	Director	2005

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**Board Composition**

The Board is committed to ensuring that it is composed of a highly capable and diverse group of directors who are well-equipped to oversee the success of the business and effectively represent the interests of stockholders. In addition, the Board believes that having directors with a mix of tenures on the Board helps transition the knowledge of the more experienced directors while providing a broad, fresh set of perspectives and a Board with a diversity of experiences and viewpoints. As discussed in the section entitled "Stockholder Engagement and Board Refreshment" above, the Board has significantly accelerated its efforts to change the composition of the Board. As part of this process, three current directors are not standing for re-election and the Board has nominated three new independent directors. All of the nominees of the Board are independent directors, except for Mr. Standley.

As a result of these changes in the Board's composition, the average tenure of our independent directors will decrease from approximately eight years to approximately six years, with a relatively even distribution among new directors, directors of medium tenure and directors of longer tenure. In addition, a majority of the Board will be racially and ethnically diverse. The Board recognizes that its gender diversity will decrease in connection with this initial stage of refreshment and is committed to considering women candidates and making gender diversity a priority as part of its ongoing refreshment in the coming year.

**Director Tenure\***

**Board Racial and Ethnic Diversity\***

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The compositions depicted include calculations based on the assumption that Mr. Knowling, Mr. Miramontes and Mr. Nayar are elected to the Board at the Annual Meeting.

In assessing Board composition and selecting and recruiting director candidates, the Board seeks to maintain an engaged, independent Board with broad experience and judgment that is committed to representing the long-term interests of our stockholders. The Nominating and Governance Committee considers a wide range of factors, including the size of the Board, the experience and expertise of existing Board members, other positions the director candidate has held or holds (including other board memberships), and the candidate's independence. In addition, the Nominating and Governance Committee takes into account a candidate's ability to contribute to the diversity of background and experience represented on the Board, and it reviews its effectiveness in balancing these considerations when assessing the composition of the Board. The Board and Nominating and Governance Committee will continue to evaluate the composition of the Board as a whole as part of its ongoing refreshment in the coming year.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, the Nominating and Governance Committee sought to recruit additional Board members whose qualifications align with the Company's refreshment process and long-term strategy. After considering a number of candidates and comprehensively reviewing these candidates' abilities and qualifications, the Nominating and Governance Committee recommended Mr. Knowling, Mr. Miramontes and Mr. Nayar for election to the Board.

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The chart below summarizes the qualifications, attributes and skills for each of our director nominees. The fact that we do not list a particular experience or qualification for a director nominee does not mean that nominee does not possess that particular experience or qualification.

Skills and Experience	Standley	Anderson	Bodaken	Knowing	Lofton	Miramontes	Nyar	Regan	Syms
Current/Former CEO	X	X	X	X	X				X
Management/Business Operations	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Retail Industry	X								X
Healthcare Industry			X		X				
Finance/Accounting	X	X					X	X	X
Board/Corporate Governance	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X

**Director Biographies**

Following are the biographies for our director nominees, including information concerning the particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Board to conclude that such person should serve on the Board:

*John T. Standley.* Mr. Standley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, has been Chairman of the Board since June 21, 2012, Chief Executive Officer since June 2010 and was President from September 2008 until June 2013. Mr. Standley served as the Chief Operating Officer from September 2008 until June 2010. He also served as a consultant to Rite Aid from July 2008 to September 2008. From August 2005 through December 2007, Mr. Standley served as Chief Executive Officer and was a member of the board of directors of Pathmark Stores, Inc. From June 2002 to August 2005, he served as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Rite Aid and, in addition, in January 2004 was appointed Chief Financial Officer of Rite Aid. He had served as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Rite Aid from September 2000 to June 2002 and had served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Rite Aid from December 1999 until September 2000. Mr. Standley served on the SUPERVALU INC. board of directors from May 2013 to July 2015 and on the board of directors of CarMax, Inc. from August 2017 to January 2018. Mr. Standley currently serves on the National Association of Chain Drug Stores' board of directors and is a member of the Board's Executive Committee.

As the Company's Chief Executive Officer, with more than 30 years of retail, financial and executive experience, Mr. Standley brings to the Board an in-depth understanding of all aspects of the Company, including its customers, operations and key business drivers. In addition, his experience serving as a chief financial officer of a number of companies, including the Company, provides the Board with additional insights into financial and accounting matters relevant to the Company's operations.

*Joseph B. Anderson, Jr.* Mr. Anderson has been the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of TAG Holdings, LLC, a manufacturing, service and technology business, since January 2002. Mr. Anderson was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Chivas Industries, LLC from 1994 to 2002. Mr. Anderson also served as a director of Meritor, Inc. until January 2017. Mr. Anderson previously served as a director of NV Energy Inc. until December 2013, Valassis Communications, Inc. until February 2014 and Quaker Chemical Corporation until May 2016.

Mr. Anderson has a broad base of experience, including 20 years of chief executive officer experience at manufacturing, service and technology companies. From this experience, Mr. Anderson brings an array of skills, including in the areas of strategic, business and financial planning and corporate development. In addition, his service on the boards of directors of a number of publicly-

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traded companies provides the Board with insights into how boards at other companies have addressed issues similar to those faced by the Company.

*Bruce G. Bodaken.* Mr. Bodaken served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Shield of California from 2000 through 2012. Previously, Mr. Bodaken served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Blue Shield of California from 1995 to 2000, and as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from 1994 to 1995. Prior to joining Blue Shield of California, Mr. Bodaken served as Senior Vice President and Associate Chief Operating Officer of F.H.P., Inc., a managed care provider, from 1990 to 1994 and held various positions at F.H.P. from 1980 to 1990. Currently, Mr. Bodaken sits on the board of WageWorks, Inc., and is a member of its audit committee. He is also a director and member of the Compensation Committee of iRhythm Technologies, Inc. and a Lecturer in the Department of Public Health at UC Berkeley.

Mr. Bodaken brings to the Board in-depth knowledge of the health insurance and managed care industries and more than 20 years of executive leadership skills.

*Robert E. Knowling, Jr.* Mr. Knowling is currently Chairman of Eagles Landing Partners, which specializes in helping senior management formulate strategy, lead organizational transformations, and re-engineer businesses. Mr. Knowling also serves as an advisor-coach to chief executive officers. Mr. Knowling previously served as Chief Executive Officer of Telwares, a JP Morgan Chase/One Equity Partners Private Equity-owned company from 2005 to 2009. From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Knowling was Chief Executive Officer of the New York City Leadership Academy, an independent nonprofit corporation created by Chancellor Joel I. Klein and Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg that is chartered with developing the next generation of principals in the New York City public school system. From 2001 to 2003, Mr. Knowling was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SimDesk Technologies, Inc. Prior to this, Mr. Knowling was Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Covad Communications, a Warburg Pincus Private Equity backed start-up company. Mr. Knowling currently serves on the board of directors of Convergys Corporation, K12 Inc. and Roper Technologies Inc. Mr. Knowling previously served as a director of Ariba, Inc. until 2012, Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. until 2015, Hewlett-Packard Company until 2005 and The Immune Response Corporation until 2005.

Mr. Knowling brings to the Board extensive experience in executive management and leadership roles, including experience leading companies through periods of high growth and organizational turnaround. In addition, his service on other boards of directors of a number of publicly-traded companies enables Mr. Knowling to share insights with the Board regarding corporate governance best practices.

*Kevin E. Lofton.* Mr. Lofton has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Denver-based Catholic Health Initiatives ("CHI"), a healthcare system operating the full continuum of services from hospitals to home health agencies nationwide since 2003 and as President and CEO of CHI from 2003 through January 2014. Mr. Lofton previously served as Chief Executive Officer of the UAB Hospital in Birmingham and Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. Mr. Lofton is also a director and member of the audit and compensation committees of Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Mr. Lofton brings to the Board an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the healthcare industry and valuable executive leadership skills from senior management and leadership roles in healthcare systems and hospitals.

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*Louis P. Miramontes.* Mr. Miramontes worked at KPMG LLP from 1976 to 2014, where he served in many leadership roles, including Managing Partner of the San Francisco office and Senior Partner for KPMG's Latin American region. Mr. Miramontes was also an audit partner directly involved with providing audit services to public and private companies, which included working with client boards of directors and audit committees regarding financial reporting, auditing matters, SEC compliance and Sarbanes-Oxley regulations. Mr. Miramontes currently serves on the board of directors of Lithia Motors, Inc., one of the largest providers of personal transportation solutions in the U.S., and Oportun, Inc., a mission-driven financial services company.

Mr. Miramontes brings to the Board extensive experience in accounting, financial reporting and corporate governance. His experience as an audit partner provides useful insights into financial and regulatory matters relevant to the Company's business. His service as a member and chair of audit committees provides the Board with leadership skills regarding the role and responsibilities of the audit committee function.

*Arun Nayar.* Mr. Nayar retired in December 2015 as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tyco International, a \$10+ billion fire protection and security company, where he was responsible for managing the company's financial risks and overseeing its global finance functions, including tax, treasury, mergers and acquisitions, audit, and investor relations teams. Mr. Nayar joined Tyco as Senior Vice President and Treasurer in 2008 and was also Chief Financial Officer of Tyco's ADT Worldwide. From 2010 until 2012, Mr. Nayar was Senior Vice President, Financial Planning & Analysis, Investor Relations and Treasurer. Prior to joining Tyco, Mr. Nayar spent six years at PepsiCo, Inc., most recently as Chief Financial Officer of Global Operations and, before that, as Vice President and Assistant Treasurer Corporate Finance. Mr. Nayar currently serves on the Board of Directors of Bemis Company, Inc., a manufacturer of packaging products, and TFI International Inc., a leader in the transportation and logistics industry. Mr. Nayar is also a Senior Advisor to McKinsey & Company and to a private equity firm, BC Partners.

Mr. Nayar brings over 35 years of financial experience to the Board. His experience as a chief financial officer provides useful insights into operational and financial metrics relevant to the Company's business.

*Michael N. Regan.* Since July 2017, Mr. Regan has served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Servco Pacific Inc., a privately held company with significant interests in automobile distribution and retail dealerships in Hawaii and Australia, as well as interests in other business lines. From August 2014 to March 2017, Mr. Regan served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Outrigger Enterprises Group, a privately held hospitality company. Prior to that, Mr. Regan served as the Hold Separate Manager on behalf of the Federal Trade Commission, overseeing the Lumiere Place Casino and Hotel and Four Seasons Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri from August 2013 through its sale in spring 2014 and prior to that as Chief Financial Officer of Indianapolis Downs LLC, a casino and horse track complex located near Indianapolis, Indiana during its bankruptcy from January 2012 through its sale in February 2013. From May 2007 through December 2011, Mr. Regan was a self-employed private equity investor. Prior thereto, Mr. Regan served as Chief Financial Officer of The St. Joe Company, a major real estate development company based in Florida, from November 2006 to May 2007. From 1997 to November 2006, he served as Senior Vice President, Finance and held various other positions with The St. Joe Company and was a member of the senior management team. Prior to joining The St. Joe Company, he served in various financial management functions at Harrah's Entertainment from 1980 through 1997, including as Vice President and controller from 1991 to 1997.

Mr. Regan's over 30 years of experience, including serving as a chief financial officer and as a senior vice president of finance, provides the Board with additional perspectives on financial, operational and strategic planning, and real estate matters relevant to the Company.

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*Marcy Syms.* Ms. Syms served as a director of Syms Corp, a chain of retail clothing stores, from 1983, when she was named President and COO, until 2012. Ms. Syms became CEO of Syms Corp in 1998 and was named Chair in 2010. In November 2011, Syms Corp and its subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code and ceased all retail operations. Ms. Syms is also a founding member of the board of directors of the Syms School of Business at Yeshiva University. Currently, Ms. Syms serves as President of the Sy Syms Foundation and Founder and President of the TPD Group LLC, a multi-generational succession planning company.

Ms. Syms brings to the Board over 18 years of experience as a chief executive officer of a chain of retail stores, including an array of skills in strategic planning, marketing and human resources matters similar to those faced by the Company.

**Board Leadership**

Mr. Standley currently serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Regan has served as our Lead Independent Director since 2011. As discussed in the section entitled "Stockholder Engagement and Board Refreshment" above, the Board has determined that, effective as of the Annual Meeting, Mr. Standley will be succeeded as Chairman of the Board by Mr. Bodaken. References in this proxy statement to Mr. Standley's position as Chairman apply only to the period prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Company's governance framework provides the Board with flexibility to select the appropriate leadership structure for the Company. The Board has no policy mandating the combination or separation of the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer positions and believes that, given the dynamic and competitive environment in which we operate, the right leadership structure may vary from time to time based on changes in circumstances. The Board makes this determination based on what it believes best serves the needs of the Company and its stockholders at any particular time. The Board believes that Mr. Bodaken will provide excellent independent leadership of the Board in his role as Chairman.

The Board expects that, as Chairman, Mr. Bodaken's responsibilities will subsume the responsibilities of the Lead Independent Director and will include:

presiding at all meetings of the Board, including executive sessions of the non-management directors;

the authority to call meetings of the Board and of the non-management directors;

serving as a liaison between the Chief Executive Officer and independent directors and facilitating communications between other members of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer (any director is free to communicate directly with the Chief Executive Officer; the Chair's role is to attempt to improve such communications if they are not entirely satisfactory);

working with the Chief Executive Officer in the preparation of, and approving, Board meeting agendas and schedules and the information to be provided to the Board;

chairing the periodic review of the performance of the Chief Executive Officer;

otherwise consulting with the Chairman and/or Chief Executive Officer on matters relating to corporate governance and Board performance; and

if requested by major stockholders, ensuring that he is available, when appropriate, for consultation and direct communication.

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**Corporate Governance**

We recognize that good corporate governance is an important means of protecting the interests of our stockholders, associates, customers, suppliers and the community. The Board of Directors, through the Nominating and Governance Committee, monitors corporate governance developments and proposed legislative, regulatory and stock exchange corporate governance reforms.

**Website Access to Corporate Governance Materials.** Our corporate governance information and materials, including our Corporate Governance Guidelines, current charters for each of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Nominating and Governance Committee and Executive Committee, our Code of Ethics for the CEO and Senior Financial Officers, our Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, our Stock Ownership Guidelines and our Related Person Transaction Policy, are posted on our website at [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com) under the headings "Corporate Info Governance" and are available in print upon request to Rite Aid Corporation, 30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011, Attention: Secretary. The information on our website is not, and shall not be deemed, a part of this proxy statement. The Board regularly reviews corporate governance developments and will modify these materials and practices from time to time as warranted.

**Codes of Ethics.** The Board has adopted a Code of Ethics that is applicable to our Chief Executive Officer and senior financial officers. The Board has also adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct that applies to all of our officers, directors and associates. Any amendment to either code or any waiver of either code for executive officers or directors will be disclosed promptly on our website at [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com) under the headings "Corporate Info Governance Code of Ethics."

**Director Independence.** For a director to be considered independent under the NYSE corporate governance listing standards, the Board of Directors must affirmatively determine that the director does not have any direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, including any of the relationships specifically proscribed by the NYSE independence standards. The Board considers all relevant facts and circumstances in making its independence determinations. Only independent directors may serve on our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Governance Committee.

As a result of this review, the Board affirmatively determined that the following directors, including each director serving on the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee, satisfy the independence requirements of the NYSE listing standards: Joseph B. Anderson, Jr., Bruce G. Bodaken, David R. Jessick, Kevin E. Lofton, Myrtle Potter, Michael N. Regan, Frank A. Savage and Marcy Syms. The Board also determined that Robert E. Knowling, Jr., Louis P. Miramontes and Arun Nayar satisfy the independence requirements of the NYSE listing standards. The Board also determined that the members of the Audit Committee satisfy the additional independence requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the additional NYSE independence requirements for audit committee members. In addition, the Board has determined that the members of the Compensation Committee satisfy the additional NYSE independence requirements for compensation committee members.

There is no family relationship between any of the nominees and executive officers of Rite Aid.

**Majority Voting Standard and Policy.** Under the Company's By-Laws, a nominee for director in uncontested elections of directors (as is the case for this Annual Meeting) will be elected to the Board if the votes cast "for" such nominee's election exceed the votes cast "against" such nominee's election. In contested elections, directors will be elected by a plurality of votes cast. For this purpose, a contested election means any meeting of stockholders for which (i) the Secretary of the Company receives a notice that a stockholder (or group of stockholders) has nominated a person for election to the Board in compliance with the advance notice requirements for stockholder nominees for director or



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the proxy access requirements, in each case as set forth in the By-Laws and (ii) such nomination has not been withdrawn by such stockholder (or group of stockholders) on or prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> day preceding the date the Company first mails its notice of meeting for such meeting to the stockholders.

Under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, a director who fails to receive the required number of votes for re-election in accordance with the By-Laws will, within five days following certification of the stockholder vote, tender his or her written resignation to the Chairman of the Board for consideration by the Board, subject to the procedures set forth in the guidelines.

**Board Oversight of Risk Management**

The Board of Directors, as a whole and through the various committees of the Board, oversees the Company's management of risk, focusing primarily on five areas of risk: operational, financial performance, financial reporting, legal and regulatory, and strategic and reputational.

Management of the Company is responsible for developing and implementing the Company's plans and processes for risk management. The Board believes that its leadership structure, described above, supports the risk oversight function of the Board. The Board of Directors, at least annually, reviews with management its plans and processes for managing risk. The Board also receives periodic updates from the Company's compliance and internal assurance services with regard to the overall effectiveness of the Company's risk management program and significant areas of risk to the Company, focusing on the five primary areas of risk set forth above as well as other areas of risk identified from time to time by either the Board, a Board committee or management. In addition, the Board and the Audit Committee receive periodic updates from the Company's Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer on cybersecurity matters, including information services security and security controls over credit card, customer, associate and patient data.

In addition, other Board committees consider risks within their respective areas of responsibility and advise the Board of any significant risks. For example, the Compensation Committee considers risks relating to the Company's compensation programs and policies and the Audit Committee focuses on assessing and mitigating financial reporting risks, including risks related to internal control over financial reporting and legal and compliance risks.

**Compensation-Related Risk Assessment**

The Compensation Committee reviews all incentive plans relative to established criteria and conducts an assessment to ensure that none of our incentive plans encourage excessive risk-taking by our executives or associates. Together with executive management, the Compensation Committee has considered the risks arising from the Company's compensation programs for its executives and associates and has concluded that the compensation policies are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

The Compensation Committee reviews the risk profile and the relationship between the Company's compensation programs to the overall risk profile of the Company. Some of the features of our incentive programs that limit risk include:

Delivery of compensation through an appropriate mix of base salary, cash incentive bonuses, long-term awards and benefits.

Use of a mix of long-term incentive vehicles that reward both stock price appreciation and financial operating performance and have different risk profiles.

Incorporation of measures in the performance awards to assess how efficiently and effectively we deploy our assets (return on net assets) and to compare our stock performance against the Russell 3000 Index (total stockholder return).

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Stock ownership guidelines that promote executive stock ownership.

**Committees of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors has four standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Executive Committee. Current copies of the charters for each of these committees are available on our website at [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com) under the headings "Corporate Info Governance Corporate Governance Committees Committee Charters."

The current members of the committees are identified in the following table.

Director	Audit	Compensation	Nominating and Governance	Executive
John T. Standley				Chair
Joseph B. Anderson, Jr.			Chair	
Bruce G. Bodaken		X		
David R. Jessick	Chair			X
Kevin E. Lofton	X			
Myrtle Potter			X	
Michael N. Regan	X	X		X
Frank A. Savage			X	
Marcy Syms		Chair		

**Audit Committee.** The Audit Committee, which held eight meetings during fiscal year 2018, currently consists of David R. Jessick (Chair), Kevin E. Lofton and Michael N. Regan. The Board has determined that each of these individuals is an independent director under the NYSE listing standards and satisfies the additional independence requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and the additional requirements of the NYSE listing standards for audit committee members. See the section entitled "Corporate Governance Director Independence" above. The Board has determined that each of these individuals is also "financially literate" under the applicable NYSE listing standards. The Board has determined that David R. Jessick qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined under applicable SEC rules.

The functions of the Audit Committee include the following:

Appointing, compensating and overseeing our independent registered public accounting firm ("independent auditors");

Overseeing management's fulfillment of its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal control over financial reporting; and

Overseeing the activities of the Company's internal audit function.

The independent auditors and internal auditors meet with the Audit Committee with and without the presence of management representatives. For additional information, see the section entitled "Audit Committee Report," as well as the Audit Committee's charter, which is posted on our website at [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com) under the headings "Corporate Info Governance Corporate Governance Committees Committee Charters."

**Compensation Committee.** The Compensation Committee, which held six meetings during fiscal year 2018, currently consists of Marcy Syms (Chair), Bruce G. Bodaken and Michael N. Regan. The Board has determined that each of these individuals is an independent director under the NYSE listing standards and satisfies the additional independence requirements of the NYSE listing standards for compensation committee members. See the section entitled "Corporate Governance Director Independence" above.

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The functions of the Compensation Committee include the following:

Administering Rite Aid's stock option and other equity incentive plans;

Reviewing and approving the base salaries of the Company's executive officers and reviewing and recommending to the Board the base salary of the CEO;

Reviewing and approving the Company's goals and objectives relevant to the incentive-based compensation of the Company's executive officers (including the CEO), evaluating the performance of the Company's executive officers (including the CEO) in light of these goals and objectives and determining and approving the incentive-based compensation of the Company's executive officers (including the CEO) based on such evaluation;

Setting corporate performance targets under all annual bonus and long-term incentive compensation plans as appropriate and determining annually the individual bonus award opportunities for the Company's executive officers; and

Reviewing and approving all executive officers' employment agreements and severance arrangements.

The Compensation Committee reviews the performance of the Company's executive personnel, including the Company's named executive officers, and develops and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to executive compensation policies. The Compensation Committee is empowered by the Board of Directors to award to executive officers appropriate bonuses, stock options, stock appreciation rights and stock-based awards. The details of the processes and procedures for the consideration and determination of the compensation of our named executive officers are described in the section entitled "Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis." The objectives of the Compensation Committee are to support the achievement of desired Company performance, to provide compensation and benefits that will attract and retain superior talent, reward performance and to fix a portion of compensation to the outcome of the Company's performance.

As provided in its charter, the Compensation Committee has the authority to engage an external compensation consultant and to determine the scope of any services provided. The Compensation Committee may terminate the engagement at any time. The external compensation consultant reports to the Compensation Committee Chair.

Since June 2010, the Compensation Committee has utilized Exequity LLP as its independent consultant. With respect to fiscal year 2018, Exequity LLP reviewed recommendations and analysis prepared by management and provided advice and counsel to the Compensation Committee. Exequity LLP does not provide any other services to the Company. The Compensation Committee has assessed the independence of Exequity LLP, taking into consideration the factors set forth in the NYSE listing standards and SEC rules, and determined that the engagement of Exequity LLP does not raise any conflicts of interest.

***Nominating and Governance Committee.*** The Nominating and Governance Committee, which held one meeting during fiscal year 2018, currently consists of Joseph B. Anderson, Jr. (Chair), Myrtle Potter and Frank A. Savage. The Board has determined that each of these individuals is an independent director under the NYSE listing standards. See the section entitled "Corporate Governance Director Independence" above.

The functions of the Nominating and Governance Committee include the following:

Identifying and recommending to the Board individuals qualified to serve as Rite Aid directors;

Recommending to the Board individual directors to serve on committees of the Board;

Advising the Board with respect to matters of Board composition and procedures;



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Developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles applicable to Rite Aid and overseeing corporate governance matters generally;

Overseeing the annual evaluation of the Board and management; and

Reviewing and approving or ratifying related person transactions in which the Company is a participant.

**Executive Committee.** The members of the Executive Committee currently are John T. Standley (Chair), David R. Jessick and Michael N. Regan. The Executive Committee did not meet during fiscal year 2018. The Executive Committee, except as limited by Delaware law, is empowered to exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors.

**Nomination of Directors**

The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider director candidates recommended by stockholders. In considering such recommendations, the Nominating and Governance Committee will take into consideration the needs of the Board and the qualifications of the candidate. The Nominating and Governance Committee may also take into consideration the number of shares held by the recommending stockholder and the length of time that such shares have been held. To have a candidate considered by the Nominating and Governance Committee, a stockholder must submit the recommendation in writing and must include the following information:

The name of the stockholder and evidence of the person's ownership of Rite Aid stock, including the number of shares owned and the length of time of ownership; and

The name of the candidate, the candidate's resume or a listing of his or her qualifications to be a Rite Aid director and the person's consent to be named as a director if selected by the Nominating and Governance Committee and nominated by the Board.

The stockholder recommendation and information described above must be sent to Rite Aid Corporation, 30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011, Attention: Secretary. The Nominating and Governance Committee will accept recommendations of director candidates throughout the year. Generally, in order for a recommended director candidate to be considered for nomination to stand for election at an upcoming annual meeting of stockholders, the recommendation must be received by the Secretary not fewer than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of Rite Aid's most recent annual meeting of stockholders. In the event an annual meeting is held on a date that is not within 25 days of such anniversary date, recommendations will be considered by the Nominating and Governance Committee in due course.

The Nominating and Governance Committee believes that the minimum qualifications for serving as a Rite Aid director are that a candidate demonstrate, by significant accomplishment in his or her field, an ability to make a meaningful contribution to the Board's oversight of Rite Aid's business and affairs and have an impeccable record and reputation for honest and ethical conduct in his or her professional and personal activities. In addition, the Nominating and Governance Committee examines a candidate's specific experiences and skills, availability in light of other commitments, potential conflicts of interest and independence from management and the Company. The Nominating and Governance Committee also seeks to have the Board represent a diversity of backgrounds and experience. The Nominating and Governance Committee assesses its achievement of diversity through the review of Board composition as part of the Board's annual self-assessment process.

The Nominating and Governance Committee identifies potential candidates by asking current directors and executive officers to notify the committee if they become aware of persons, meeting the criteria described above, who have had a change in circumstances that might make them available to serve on the Board for example, retirement as a CEO or CFO of a public company or exiting

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government or military service. The Nominating and Governance Committee also, from time to time, may engage firms that specialize in identifying director candidates. As described above, the committee will also consider candidates recommended by stockholders.

The Nominating and Governance Committee may review publicly available information, conduct an interview and/or check references to assess the person's accomplishments and qualifications in light of the needs of the Board and the accomplishments and qualifications of any other candidates that the committee might be considering. The committee's evaluation process does not vary based on whether or not a candidate is recommended by a stockholder, although, as stated above, the Board may take into consideration the number of shares held by the recommending stockholder and the length of time that such shares have been held.

Robert E. Knowling, Jr., Louis P. Miramontes and Arun Nayar were recommended for consideration by the Nominating and Governance Committee by RSR Partners, an executive search consulting firm that assisted the Board in sourcing director candidates as part of the Board's accelerated refreshment process.

**Executive Sessions of Non-Management Directors**

In order to promote discussion among the non-management directors, regularly scheduled executive sessions (i.e., meetings of non-management directors without management present) are held to review such topics as the non-management directors determine. Mr. Regan, our Lead Independent Director, presides at our executive sessions. Effective as of the Annual Meeting, Mr. Bodaken, our Chairman of the Board, will preside at our executive sessions. The non-management directors met in executive session 10 times during fiscal year 2018.

**Communications with the Board of Directors**

The Board has established a process to receive communications from stockholders and other interested parties. Stockholders and other interested parties may contact any member (or all members) of the Board, any Board committee or any chair of any such committee by mail or electronically. To communicate with the Board of Directors, the non-management directors, a committee of directors or any individual directors, including our Lead Independent Director/Independent Chairman of the Board, correspondence should be addressed to the Board of Directors or any such individual directors or committee of directors by either name or title. All such correspondence should be sent to Rite Aid Corporation, c/o Secretary, P.O. Box 3165, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105. To communicate with any of the directors electronically, stockholders should go to our website at [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com). Under the headings "Corporate Info Governance Board of Directors Contact the Board of Directors" you will find an on-line form, as well as an email address, that may be used for writing an electronic message to the Board, the non-management directors, any individual directors, or any committee of directors. Please follow the instructions on the website in order to send your message.

All communications received as set forth above will be opened by the Secretary for the purpose of determining whether the contents represent a message to the directors, and depending on the facts and circumstances outlined in the communication, will be distributed to the Board, the non-management directors, an individual director or committee of directors, as appropriate. The Secretary will make sufficient copies of the contents to send to each director who is a member of the Board or of the committee to which the envelope or e-mail is addressed.

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**Directors' Attendance at Board, Committee and Annual Meetings**

The Board of Directors held 25 meetings during fiscal year 2018. Each incumbent director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of the meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings held by all committees on which such director served, during the period for which such director served.

It is our policy that directors are invited and encouraged to attend the annual meeting of stockholders. Eight of our nine directors serving on the Board or nominated to serve on the Board at the time of the meeting attended the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**Sustainability**

At Rite Aid, we conduct our business in compliance with applicable environmental, health and safety regulations and in accordance with our core values. We view conserving energy, avoiding the unnecessary generation of waste, and carrying out company activities in ways that preserve and promote a clean, safe and healthy environment as the environmental and social sustainability priorities for our business. The Board receives periodic updates from the Company's management on sustainability initiatives and progress.

Our Code of Business Ethics and Conduct outlines our core values and describes additional corporate policies on ESG issues, including policies in the areas of, among others, customer and worker safety and environmental management, including energy and waste minimization. We expect our officers, directors and associates to uphold the standards set forth in the Code of Business Ethics and Conduct at work every day.

We view adopting green business principles as part of our overall business strategy and believe it is a conscientious decision for our business, our community and the environment. In recent years, we have made significant investments in energy efficiency and waste reduction initiatives and have committed to building new and remodeled stores to meet or exceed the national building code standards for energy efficiency. For example, in striving to conserve energy and avoid the unnecessary generation of waste, we have upgraded lighting to reduce our annual electricity consumption by 63 million KWh, replaced less efficient rooftop HVAC units with higher-efficiency models to save 14 million KWh per year and installed over 1.3 million square feet of white "cool roof" on our facilities to significantly reduce solar heat gain and demand for air conditioning. In addition, Rite Aid utilizes best-in-class architectural and engineering design firms that employ Building Council LEED -accredited staff in order to help us develop our new store designs that meet or exceed the national building code standards for energy efficiency.

Recently, we announced that we have established a Chemical Policy and expanded our Restricted Substances List as part of our ongoing efforts to meet customer expectations for chemical management and product safety. We have been working closely with our supplier partners to eliminate eight chemicals of high concern from formulated private brand items since 2016, and we expect to eliminate these chemicals from our private brand items by 2020. We have also expanded our Restricted Substances List to bring the total number of restricted chemicals from eight to 70. To assist stakeholders in understanding the impact of these initiatives, in 2019 we will begin reporting progress towards 100% elimination of the eight chemicals of high concern from our private brand products and the number of new products launched in a year that are free of the eight chemicals of high concern. Our long-term goal is to extend the Chemical Policy to cover all of the products sold in our stores. In 2019, we plan to extend the chemical program to cover formulated products like over-the-counter medications, vitamins and supplements, as well as food and beverages.

Further information about our commitment to sustainability is available on our website under the headings "Corporate Info Sustainability" and "Corporate Info Chemical Policy."

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**Directors' Compensation**

Each non-management director receives an annual payment of \$100,000 in cash, payable quarterly in arrears. In addition, (i) the Lead Independent Director/Independent Chairman of the Board receives an additional annual payment of \$25,000; (ii) the Chair of the Audit Committee receives an additional annual payment of \$20,000; (iii) the Chairs of the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee each receive an additional annual payment of \$10,000; and (iv) each member of the Audit Committee (other than the Chair) receives an additional annual payment of \$10,000. Non-management directors also received an annual award of restricted stock or restricted stock units valued at \$120,000 (with the number of shares subject to the grant calculated by dividing 120,000 by the closing price of our common stock on the day before the date of grant, rounded to the nearest whole share). The annual grant vests 80% on the first anniversary of the grant and 10% on each of the second and third anniversaries of the grant. Directors who are officers and/or Rite Aid associates receive no separate compensation for service as directors or committee members. Directors are reimbursed for travel and lodging expenses associated with attending Board of Directors and Board committee meetings.

Non-management directors are subject to our Stock Ownership Guidelines discussed on pages 52 to 53.



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The following Director Compensation Table sets forth fees, awards and other compensation paid to or earned by our non-management directors who served during the fiscal year ended March 3, 2018:

Name	Fees Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)(2)	Option Awards (\$)	Change In			Total (\$)
				Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	
Joseph B. Anderson, Jr.	110,000	120,083					230,083
Bruce G. Bodaken	100,000	120,083					220,083
David R. Jessick	120,000	120,083					240,083
Kevin E. Lofton	110,000	120,083					230,083
Myrtle Potter	100,000	120,083					220,083
Michael N. Regan	135,000	120,083					255,083
Frank A. Savage	109,102	120,083					229,185
Marcy Syms	110,000	120,083					230,083

- (1) Represents the grant date fair value of stock awards granted in fiscal year 2018 in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Topic 718. For information regarding the assumptions used in determining the fair value of an award, please refer to Note 17 to our financial statements contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on April 26, 2018. We recognize expense ratably over the three-year vesting period.
- (2) The number of unvested restricted stock awards outstanding as of March 3, 2018 for each director is detailed in the table below.

Name	Grant Date	Number of Stock Awards (#)
Joseph B. Anderson, Jr.	June 25, 2015	1,382
	June 22, 2016	3,100
	July 17, 2017	51,984
Bruce G. Bodaken	June 25, 2015	1,382
	June 22, 2016	3,100
	July 17, 2017	51,984
David R. Jessick	June 25, 2015	1,382
	June 22, 2016	3,100
	July 17, 2017	51,984
Kevin E. Lofton	June 25, 2015	1,382
	June 22, 2016	3,100
	July 17, 2017	51,984
Myrtle Potter	June 25, 2015	1,382
	June 22, 2016	3,100
	July 17, 2017	51,984
Michael N. Regan	June 25, 2015	1,382
	June 22, 2016	3,100
	July 17, 2017	51,984
Frank A. Savage	June 25, 2015	1,382
	June 22, 2016	3,100
	July 17, 2017	51,984
Marcy Syms	June 25, 2015	1,382
	June 22, 2016	3,100
	July 17, 2017	51,984



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**PROPOSAL NO. 2**

**RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte & Touche") has been selected as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the fiscal year ending March 2, 2019. Deloitte & Touche has audited the accounts and records of Rite Aid and its subsidiaries since 2000. Although the selection of accounting firms does not require ratification, the Board of Directors has directed that the appointment of Deloitte & Touche be submitted to the stockholders for ratification due to the significance of their appointment by the Company. If the stockholders do not ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche, the Audit Committee will consider the appointment of another independent registered public accounting firm. A representative of Deloitte & Touche will be present at the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR"  
THE RATIFICATION OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS THE COMPANY'S  
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.**

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**PROPOSAL NO. 3**

**ADVISORY VOTE ON THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 14A of the Exchange Act, we are including in this proxy statement a resolution, subject to stockholder vote, to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of our Named Executive Officers (as defined in the section entitled "Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis").

Prior to voting, stockholders may wish to carefully review our discussion of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers, as presented in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, tables and narrative disclosure, on pages 36 to 53, as well as the discussion regarding the Compensation Committee on pages 18 to 19.

The Company's primary compensation goals for our Named Executive Officers are to attract, motivate and retain the most talented and dedicated executives and to align the interests of our Named Executive Officers with the interests of our stockholders. The Company's compensation programs are designed to reward our Named Executive Officers for the achievement of annual and long-term strategic and operational goals and the achievement of increased total stockholder return, while at the same time avoiding the encouragement of unnecessary or excessive risk-taking. The Company encourages stockholders to review the executive compensation disclosure in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section and executive compensation tables in this proxy statement for complete details of how its compensation policies and procedures for its Named Executive Officers operate and are designed to achieve the Company's compensation objectives.

We believe that the Company's compensation programs for its Named Executive Officers have been effective at promoting the achievement of positive results, appropriately aligning pay and performance and in enabling the Company to attract and retain very talented executives within our industry, while at the same time avoiding the encouragement of unnecessary or excessive risk-taking.

We are asking our stockholders to indicate their support for the compensation of our Named Executive Officers as described in this proxy statement. This proposal, commonly known as a "say-on-pay" proposal, gives you as a stockholder the opportunity to express your views on our fiscal year 2018 compensation for our Named Executive Officers. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation; rather, the vote relates to the overall compensation of our Named Executive Officers as described in this proxy statement in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC.

Accordingly, the following resolution is submitted for a stockholder vote at the Annual Meeting:

"RESOLVED, that the stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the narrative discussion."

Although this is an advisory vote which will not be binding on the Compensation Committee or the Board, the Compensation Committee and the Board will carefully review the results of the stockholder vote. The Compensation Committee will consider stockholders' concerns and take them into account in future determinations concerning compensation of its Named Executive Officers. The Board therefore recommends that you indicate your support for the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Offices in fiscal year 2018, as outlined in the above resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR"  
THE APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION OF ITS NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS,  
AS DISCLOSED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.**

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**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS**

We expect the following proposals (Proposal No. 4, Proposal No. 5 and Proposal No. 6 on the proxy card) to be presented by stockholders at the Annual Meeting. The proposals and supporting statements may contain assertions about Rite Aid or other statements that we believe are incorrect. We have not attempted to refute all of the inaccuracies in the proposals and supporting statements, and the Company is not responsible for the content of the proposals. The Board has recommended a vote against these proposals for the reasons set forth following each proposal.

**PROPOSAL NO. 4**

**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN**

Steven Krol, who owns 246,775 shares of common stock (based on information provided to us by Mr. Krol) and whose address will be provided by the Company promptly upon oral or written request, has notified us that he intends to present the following proposal at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors strongly opposes adoption of the proposal and asks stockholders to review the Board's response, which follows the proposal and the proponent's supporting statement below.

**Stockholder Proposal and Supporting Statement**

**RESOLVED** Shareholders request the Board adopt as policy and amend the bylaws and governance documents reflecting that the Chairman, whenever possible, be independent defined as never having served as an executive officer of the company. This policy should not violate any contractual obligations in effect when this resolution is adopted and immediately implemented thereafter.

Currently, John Standley has been Chairman **and** CEO since 2012. In 2000, he joined senior management until 2005, before returning in 2008. In 2000, the stock was under \$5.per share, and in 2005 it still was.

Separation, which is routine at more successful Walgreens and CVS, prevents undue influence on the rest of the board. This board should not be led by a management employee itself. He needs a boss and that boss is the board. The Chairman runs the board. How can the CEO be his own boss? It hinders the board from the important function of monitoring performance and the **timely** hiring and firing of senior level employees.

This historically combined role has led to several near financial disasters:

1. The Thrifty Drug acquisition in 1997 led directly to our \$2 billion accounting scandal. Press reports indicated that banks and **not** the board pressured Mr. Grass to resign.
2. The 2007 Eckerd acquisition, doubling our debt, suggested the board then was not focused on the degree of store mismanagement. Both Mr. Miller and Ms. Sammons received \$2 million in combined bonuses simply to close that transaction.
3. The May 2015 Letter to Shareholders announcing the long-term benefits of the EnvisionRx acquisition, trumpeting company independence, was a dubious statement. Chronology events prior to the Walgreens merger announcement indicate Rite Aid had more than eight suitors. Two were named; EnvisionRx in February 2015 and Walgreens in October 2015. Only Walgreens could "accelerate" executive stock options in a "change in control" worth many millions of dollars to senior executives. A separate non-executive Chairman having no "acceleration" jackpots, might have made a different decision!

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In June of 2015, shareholders majority voted to immediately stop acceleration of stock options for future performance that would never occur in a "change in control". The board has refused to implement the will/vote of their stakeholders and stop it.

Some boards believe in accountability. The Staples board accepted their CEO's resignation only three weeks after their failed acquisition of Office Depot. At the very least, Rite Aid shareholders must recommend our board separate Chairman and CEO functions, separated briefly in 2010 to give Ms. Sammons cover in a graceful multi-year exit; combined again in 2012 for Mr. Standley.

Shareholders must make it clear who the board works for. An independent Chairman provides "checks and balances" and enhances investor confidence to invest in our company.

**Protect your Investment** Please vote 'FOR' this Proposal No. 4

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE  
"AGAINST" THIS  
PROPOSAL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

The Board believes this stockholder proposal is unnecessary and not in the best interests of stockholders. As described in detail on pages 7 to 8 of this proxy statement, as of the Annual Meeting, the Board has currently determined to separate the positions of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board effective at the Annual Meeting.

Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines the Board has the flexibility to determine whether it is in the best interests of Rite Aid and its stockholders to separate or combine the roles of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer at any point in time. This proposal would remove this flexibility and narrow the governance arrangements that the Board may consider, which could be contrary to the best interests of our stockholders. Given the dynamic and competitive environment in which we operate, and the strategic challenges we face, the right leadership structure may vary from time to time based on changes in circumstances. Accordingly, the Board believes it should be permitted to use its business judgment to determine the right leadership structure based on what it believes best serves the needs of the Company and its stockholders at any particular time.

The Board believes that its current structure and governance practices allow it to provide effective, independent oversight of the Company and the Chief Executive Officer. Our governance practices are described in detail on pages 15 to 22 of this proxy statement.

In view of our sound governance practices, the Board believes that the proposal is an unnecessary limitation on the Board's flexibility.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE  
"AGAINST" THE STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL REQUIRING AN INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN.**

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**PROPOSAL NO. 5**

**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT**

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, which owns 900 shares of common stock (based on information provided to us by the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia), and Trinity Health, which owns 100 shares of common stock (based on information provided to us by Trinity Health), each of whose address will be provided by the Company promptly upon oral or written request, have notified us that they intend to present the following proposal at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors strongly opposes adoption of the proposal and asks stockholders to review the Board's response, which follows the proposal and the proponents' supporting statement below.

**Stockholder Proposal and Supporting Statement**

**Sustainability Reporting  
2018 Rite Aid Corporation**

**Resolved:** Shareholders request that Rite Aid Corporation prepare a sustainability report describing the company's environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities, including customer and worker safety, privacy and security, environmental management, including energy and waste minimization, and supply-chain risks. The report, prepared at reasonable cost and omitting proprietary information, should be published within one year of the 2018 annual shareholders meeting.

**Supporting Statement:** We believe tracking and reporting on ESG business practices make a company more responsive to a transforming business environment characterized by finite natural resources, changing legislation, concerns over healthcare and safety, and heightened public expectations for corporate accountability. Reporting also helps companies better integrate and gain strategic value from existing sustainability efforts, identify gaps and opportunities in products and processes, develop company-wide communications, publicize innovative practices and receive feedback.

Mainstream financial companies are continuing to recognize the links between environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance and shareholder value. As such, the availability of ESG performance data is growing through a wide range of data providers, such as Bloomberg. Also, investment firms like Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Asset Management are increasingly incorporating corporate, social and environmental practices into their investment decisions.

The United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment has nearly 1,500 signatories who seek the integration of ESG factors in investment decision making. They collectively hold \$62 trillion assets under management and require information on ESG factors to analyze fully the risks and opportunities associated with existing and potential investments.

We believe that disclosure of sustainability policies, programs and performance can help a company manage sustainability opportunities and risks and that such disclosure is increasingly becoming a competitive advantage. There are many opportunities to reduce the waste stream. Other high impact areas with opportunities for improvement include green cleaning, improving air quality for both staff and customers, water conservation and energy reduction, all of which offer further ways not only to improve sustainability but also cost saving measures. Customer safety, product marketing and quality of care, and quality of staff work life, are also areas of concern. Aligning store operations with Rite Aid's stated mission "To improve the health and wellness of our communities..." can build trust and goodwill with current and potential customers.

The report should include a company-wide review of policies, practices and metrics related to ESG performance using the GRI index and checklist as a reference.

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**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE  
"AGAINST" THIS  
PROPOSAL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

The Board believes that the stockholder proposal is unnecessary and not in the best interests of stockholders.

Our Board believes that our existing corporate disclosures, including the environmental, social and governance ("ESG") information available on our website, adequately describe our approach to ESG matters. Production of a formal sustainability report would require significant time and expense and would have little added benefit to stockholders in light of the ESG-related disclosures that we already furnish. Accordingly, our Board does not believe that preparing a formal sustainability report of the type requested in the stockholder proposal is in the best interest of our stockholders at this time.

At Rite Aid, we conduct our business in compliance with applicable environmental, health and safety regulations and in accordance with our core values. We are committed to conserving energy, avoiding the unnecessary generation of waste, and carrying out company activities in ways that preserve and promote a clean, safe and healthy environment. We publicly affirm these commitments in our Code of Business Ethics and Conduct, which is available on our website at [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com) under the headings "Corporate Info Governance Codes of Ethics."

Our Code of Business Ethics and Conduct outlines our core values and describes additional corporate policies on ESG issues, including policies in the areas of customer and worker safety, privacy and security, environmental management, including energy and waste minimization, and supply-chain risks. We expect our officers, directors and associates to uphold the standards set forth in the Code of Business Ethics and Conduct at work every day.

Further information about our commitment to environmental sustainability is available on our website under the headings "Corporate Info Sustainability." As described on our website, we believe that adopting green business principles is a conscientious decision for our business, our community and the environment. In recent years, we have made significant investments in energy efficiency and waste reduction initiatives and have committed to building new and remodeled stores to meet or exceed the national building code standards for energy efficiency.

Rite Aid remains committed to providing reasonable ESG information to our stakeholders, including investors, customers and our communities. Accordingly, we will continue to assess how to expand and improve disclosures related to our ESG initiatives. Nevertheless, our Board believes that preparation of the broad and general report requested by the stockholder proposal is not in the best interest of our stockholders at this time and would not be an efficient use of our financial and human resources. Such a report would be an expensive and time-consuming exercise that would be largely duplicative of information already available on our website or otherwise publicly available.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE  
"AGAINST" THE STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL REGARDING A SUSTAINABILITY REPORT.**



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**PROPOSAL NO. 6**

**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL REPORT ON GOVERNANCE MEASURES  
RELATED TO OPIOIDS**

The UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust, which owns 258,666 shares of common stock (based on information provided to us by the UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust) and whose address will be provided by the Company promptly upon oral or written request, has notified us that it intends to present the following proposal at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors strongly opposes adoption of the proposal and asks stockholders to review the Board's response, which follows the proposal and the proponent's supporting statement below.

**Stockholder Proposal and Supporting Statement**

RESOLVED, that shareholders of Rite Aid Corporation ("Rite Aid") urge the Board of Directors (the "Board") to report to shareholders by October 1, 2019, describing the corporate governance changes Rite Aid has implemented since 2012 to more effectively monitor and manage financial and reputational risks related to the opioid crisis, including whether Rite Aid has assigned responsibility for such monitoring to the Board or Board committee(s), revised senior executive compensation metrics or policies, adopted or changed mechanisms for obtaining input from stakeholders, or altered policies or processes regarding company political activities.

The report should be prepared at reasonable cost and should omit confidential and proprietary information.

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

Opioid abuse is a public health crisis: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that opioid abuse caused more than 42,000 U.S. deaths in 2016. The economic and social effects of the crisis are profound. A recent report pegged the cumulative economic toll of the opioid epidemic at over \$1 trillion.

(<https://altarum.org/about/news-and-events/economic-toll-of-opioid-crisis-in-u-s-exceeded-1-trillion-since-2001>). Opioid use and dependency is a key factor in the decline in prime-age male labor force participation.

([https://www.brookings.edu/wpcontent/uploads/2017/09/1\\_krueger.pdf](https://www.brookings.edu/wpcontent/uploads/2017/09/1_krueger.pdf))

Rite Aid is a defendant in the Ohio multidistrict opioid litigation.

(<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/27/us/politics/justice-department-opioidlawsuit.html>) A lawsuit by several municipalities in West Virginia alleging that Rite Aid's inadequate oversight of its distribution of opioids contributed to the epidemic in that state was also moved to federal court in April 2018.

([https://www.wvgazettemail.com/news/cops\\_and\\_courts/wv-opioid-lawsuit-against-pharmacies-moved-to-federal-court/article\\_6d265da7-398e-5](https://www.wvgazettemail.com/news/cops_and_courts/wv-opioid-lawsuit-against-pharmacies-moved-to-federal-court/article_6d265da7-398e-5))

The company faces similar lawsuits in Tennessee and South Carolina, according to its most recent annual report.

Rite Aid has also come under fire recently from the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") for irresponsible dispensing and distribution of controlled substances. In 2017, Rite Aid settled claims, according to an announcement by the DEA, "to resolve allegations that certain Rite Aid pharmacies in Los Angeles dispensed and/or recorded controlled substances using a medical practitioner's incorrect or invalid DEA registration number." Rite Aid paid an \$834,200 civil penalty.

(<https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2017/03/09/rite-aid-pays-834200-settlement-alleged-controlled-substances-act>)

In our view, Board-level oversight and other governance reforms can play an important role in effectively addressing opioid-related risks, and shareholders would benefit from a fuller understanding of governance mechanisms serving that function.

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For example, it is not clear from Rite Aid's Board committee charters or proxy statement whether a specific Board committee monitors opioid-related financial and reputational risks; none of the Board committees has been assigned specific responsibility for overseeing compliance matters such as reporting to the DEA. As well, Rite Aid's last proxy statement asserts that individual performance is among the factors considered in granting long term equity incentive awards to named executive officers, but does not indicate whether any opioid-related objectives, such as promoting ethical conduct, were part of that performance assessment.

We urge shareholders to vote for this proposal.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE  
"AGAINST" THIS  
PROPOSAL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

The Board believes that the stockholder proposal is unnecessary and not in the best interests of stockholders.

The Board, the Company's management and the Company's employees recognize the opioid epidemic that is afflicting Americans across the United States as a serious public health issue, and we have publicly expressed our commitment to addressing opioid abuse in the communities we serve. However, our Board believes that its committee charters and our existing disclosures, including the governance and other information available on our website and on pages 15 to 22 of this proxy statement, adequately describe our approach to corporate governance matters, including risk management. The Company already publicly discloses information regarding how the Board oversees the Company's management of risk, focusing primarily on five areas of risk: operational, financial performance, financial reporting, legal and regulatory, and strategic and reputational. We also publicly disclose the Company's Code of Ethics and Business Conduct. The Code of Ethics and Business Conduct provides guidelines to our associates on how to reduce risk through ethical conduct and compliance with laws.

As discussed in this proxy statement, the Board reviews with management its plans and processes for managing risk at least annually. The Board oversees risk management and considers specific risk topics on an ongoing basis, including the risks associated with opioid medications. The Board also receives periodic updates from the Company's compliance and internal assurance services with regard to the overall effectiveness of the Company's risk management program and significant areas of risk to the Company, focusing on the five primary areas of risk set forth above as well as other areas of risk identified from time to time by the Board, a Board committee or management, and including risks related to the Company's distribution of opioid medications. In addition, each Board committee regularly reports to the full Board on risks within their respective areas of responsibility. For example, the Compensation Committee annually reviews the Company's compensation plans, programs and policies as they relate to the Company's risk management.

We believe that communication between the Board and our stockholders is a critical aspect of our corporate governance program. As discussed on pages 7 to 9 of this proxy statement, the Company has enhanced its stockholder engagement effort and expects to continue this effort in the coming year.

At Rite Aid, we are committed to working with our customers, local law enforcement, community groups and both federal and state agencies to help reduce the opioid epidemic that is impacting our

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communities throughout the United States. Rite Aid's comprehensive strategy to address opioid and other drug abuse and misuse includes:

Assuring that patients with opioid prescriptions are effectively counseled by providing the patient/caregiver with auto-generated system supported information on the proper utilization and handling of opioid medications.

Making DisposeRx, a first-of-its-kind opioid disposal solution, available at all of Rite Aid's pharmacies nationwide. Rite Aid provides DisposeRx packets to patients with new opioid prescriptions and offers DisposeRx packets to patients with chronic opioid prescriptions every six months. DisposeRx packets contain a biodegradable powder that, when mixed with water in the prescription vial, dissolves drugs, forming a viscous gel which may be safely discarded in the trash.

Making naloxone, a medication that can be used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, available without a prescription at all of Rite Aid's pharmacies nationwide.

Supporting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for prescribing opioids, including limiting acute opioid prescriptions to a seven day supply, limiting the daily dosage of opioids dispensed based on the strength of the opioid and requiring the use of immediate-release formulations of opioids before extended release opioids are dispensed.

Ongoing education and training of Rite Aid pharmacists, including risk factors for opioid abuse, how to identify symptoms of an overdose and what to do in the event of an overdose, an overview of the various naloxone therapies available and proper administration of each and recommendations for follow-up care.

Participating in prescription drug monitoring programs, assuring that all pharmacists are registered for the programs in their respective state(s) of practice and including a "red flag" process for pharmacists to regularly review prescriptions for patients not known by the pharmacy or where there may be concerns or suspicions of misuse.

The addition of resources on drug safety and disposal on [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com) under the headings "Pharmacy & Immunizations Drug Safety & Disposal." Visitors can search for a disposal site in their community, learn how to properly dispose of medication at home, access resources provided by the Food and Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") and find information on treatment for drug abuse and addiction.

Continuing its process to identify physicians with questionable prescription writing practices, conducting ongoing reviews of physicians that over-prescribe as compared to the average norms for a geographic area and, when appropriate, proactively discontinuing filling controlled substances for certain prescribers.

Continuing to support National Take-Back Days to encourage our patients to bring their unused or unwanted medications to designated sites sponsored by local law enforcement and the DEA for proper handling.

Developing the KidsCents Safe Medication Disposal program that is supported through the Rite Aid Foundation, which provides medication disposal units, free of charge, to local and state law enforcement agencies and enables individuals to drop off unwanted or expired medications in secure, safe locations. The Rite Aid Foundation committed \$1 million to this initiative and to date, over 280 units have been installed across the country since the launch of the program in August 2017.

Committing to add 100 new in-store Safe Medication Disposal units nationwide over 12 months with the launch of our first kiosk in June 2018 in Lemoyne, PA.



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The Rite Aid Foundation has committed \$1.7 million over three years in partnership with EVERFI, the nation's leading technology innovator, to educate high school students to make safe and healthy decisions about prescription drugs. The digital prescription drug abuse prevention course is the flagship initiative of the Prescription Drug Safety Network, the nation's first public-private initiative to combat prescription drug abuse by providing prevention education to schools.

Rite Aid remains committed to providing reasonable governance information to our stakeholders, including investors, customers and our communities. Accordingly, we will continue to assess how to expand and improve disclosures related to our governance initiatives related to the opioid epidemic. Nevertheless, our Board believes that preparation of the report requested by the stockholder proposal is not in the best interest of our stockholders at this time and would not be an efficient use of our financial and human resources. Such a report would be largely duplicative of information already available on our website or otherwise publicly available.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "AGAINST" THE STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL REGARDING A REPORT ON GOVERNANCE MEASURES RELATED TO OPIOIDS.**

Table of Contents**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Officers are appointed annually by the Board of Directors and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Set forth below is information, as of September 10, 2018, regarding the current executive officers of Rite Aid.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position with Rite Aid</b>
John T. Standley(1)	55	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Kermit Crawford	59	President and Chief Operating Officer
Darren W. Karst	58	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer
Bryan B. Everett	45	Chief Operating Officer of Rite Aid Stores
Jocelyn Z. Konrad	48	Executive Vice President, Pharmacy
David Abelman	59	Executive Vice President, Marketing
Derek Scott Griffith	56	Executive Vice President, Store Operations
Matthew Schroeder	48	Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer

(1) Mr. Standley's biographical information is provided above in the section identifying the Board of Directors.

*Kermit Crawford.* Mr. Crawford joined Rite Aid Corporation in October 2017 as President and Chief Operating Officer. Most recently, Mr. Crawford has served as a retail and healthcare adviser and consultant for New York City-based Sycamore Partners, a private equity firm specializing in retail and consumer investments, since 2015. Prior to joining Sycamore Partners, Mr. Crawford, a licensed pharmacist, spent more than 30 years with Walgreens, where he held a wide range of store operations and senior management positions, including responsibility for the company's pharmacy services, which included its pharmacy benefit management services. When he retired from Walgreens in 2014, Mr. Crawford was executive vice president and president of Walgreens' pharmacy, health and wellness division, where he was responsible for all aspects of strategic, operational, and financial management for the division. Mr. Crawford also serves on the board of directors for The Allstate Corporation and LifePoint Health, Inc.

*Darren W. Karst.* Mr. Karst was appointed Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer effective October 25, 2015. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Karst served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since August 2014. Prior to joining Rite Aid, from 2002 until 2014, Mr. Karst served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary with Roundy's, Inc., a Wisconsin-based supermarket chain. From March 1995 until March 1996, Mr. Karst served as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Director of Dominick's Supermarkets, Inc. and from March 1996 until the acquisition of Dominick's by Safeway in 1998, Mr. Karst served as Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Director. Mr. Karst was a partner at the Yucaipa Companies, a private equity investment firm, from 1991 to 2002.

*Bryan B. Everett.* Mr. Everett was appointed Chief Operating Officer of Rite Aid Stores as of September 1, 2017. Prior to his promotion to this position, Mr. Everett served as the Executive Vice President of Store Operations since joining the Company on August 3, 2015. Previously, Mr. Everett served as the Senior Vice President of Store Operations at Target Corporation overseeing the support functions and strategy for all stores. From February 2011 to March 2014, Mr. Everett served as the Senior Vice President of Target stores in the north region, with responsibility for total operations of 457 stores. Mr. Everett held multiple senior leadership positions in stores, operations and merchandising at Target since 2002. Prior to joining Target, Mr. Everett held leadership positions in the grocery industry with Aldi Foods and Fleming Wholesale.

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*Jocelyn Z. Konrad.* Ms. Konrad was appointed Executive Vice President, Pharmacy effective August 3, 2015. Prior positions at Rite Aid include Regional Pharmacy Vice President, President of Healthcare Initiatives and most recently, Group Vice President of Pharmacy Initiatives and Clinical Services. Prior to joining Rite Aid, Ms. Konrad served as a District Manager for Eckerd Pharmacy from 1997 through 2007. From 1992 to 1997, she served as a pharmacist for Thrift Drug Pharmacy. Ms. Konrad is a registered pharmacist and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

*David Abelman.* Mr. Abelman was appointed Executive Vice President of Marketing effective August 3, 2015. Prior to this position, he served as our Senior Vice President of Brand Development & Innovation since April 2014. Prior to joining Rite Aid, Mr. Abelman was CEO and co-founder of Self Health Nation. Mr. Abelman also served as Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing & Merchandising Officer at AC Moore from May 2009 through December 2011 and Senior Vice President of Marketing for Michael's from August 2005 through December 2007. He has also held senior marketing positions at Office Depot, Daymon Associates and the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company.

*Derek Scott Griffith.* Mr. Griffith is the Company's Executive Vice President of Store Operations. In this position, Mr. Griffith is responsible for all aspects of the company's chainwide store operations. Mr. Griffith is a skilled leader with more than 30 years of experience in store operations. He joined Rite Aid in 2008 as a regional vice president of store operations. In 2010, he was promoted to senior vice president of store operations, with responsibility for more than 1,100 Rite Aid stores in the Northeast and Midwest. Prior to joining Rite Aid, Mr. Griffith held various store operations roles with increasing responsibility at Target and Home Depot. Mr. Griffith holds a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from West Virginia University.

*Matthew Schroeder.* Mr. Schroeder was appointed Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer of Rite Aid Corporation effective November 2, 2017. Mr. Schroeder joined Rite Aid in 2000 as vice president of financial accounting and was promoted to group vice president of strategy, investor relations and treasurer in 2010. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Schroeder worked for Arthur Andersen, LLP, where he held several positions of increasing responsibility, including audit senior and audit manager. Mr. Schroeder earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He also currently serves as treasurer of The Rite Aid Foundation.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

**COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**Introduction**

We encourage you to read this Compensation Discussion and Analysis for a detailed discussion and analysis of our fiscal year 2018 executive compensation program for the individuals named below. We refer to these individuals throughout this Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the accompanying tables as our "Named Executive Officers." Except for the disclosure under the heading "Termination of Merger Agreement with Albertsons Companies, Inc." and updated disclosure under

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the heading "Retention Efforts in Fiscal Year 2018," this Compensation Discussion and Analysis was previously included in our Form 10-K/A as filed with the SEC on June 1, 2018.

Name	Title
John T. Standley	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Kermit Crawford	President and Chief Operating Officer
Darren W. Karst	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer
Bryan B. Everett	Chief Operating Officer, Rite Aid Stores
Jocelyn Z. Konrad	Executive Vice President, Pharmacy
Enio A. Montini, Jr.*	Former Executive Vice President, Merchandising & Distribution

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Mr. Montini retired effective as of December 15, 2017.

**Executive Summary**

*Our Company.*

Rite Aid Corporation is the third largest retail drugstore chain in the United States based on revenues and number of stores, operating 2,550 stores as of March 3, 2018 in 19 states. We also operate our Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) company, EnvisionRxOptions, as we continue our transition into a retail healthcare organization.

*Termination of Merger Agreement with Albertsons Companies, Inc. ("Albertsons").* On February 18, 2018, Rite Aid entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with Albertsons, Ranch Acquisition II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Albertsons ("Merger Sub II") and Ranch Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Merger Sub II ("Merger Sub" and, together with Merger Sub II, the "Merger Subs"). On August 8, 2018, Rite Aid, Albertsons and the Merger Subs entered into a Termination Agreement (the "*Termination Agreement*") pursuant to which the parties mutually agreed to terminate the Merger Agreement. Subject to limited customary exceptions, the Termination Agreement also mutually releases the parties from any claims of liability to one another relating to the contemplated merger transaction. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, neither Rite Aid nor Albertsons were responsible for any payments to the other party as a result of the termination of the Merger Agreement.

*Termination of Merger Agreement with Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. ("WBA").* After pursuit of a merger with WBA and Victoria Merger Sub, Inc. for nearly 20 months, on June 28, 2017 Rite Aid, WBA and Victoria Merger Sub, Inc. entered into a Termination Agreement (the "WBA Merger Termination Agreement") under which the parties agreed to terminate the WBA Merger Agreement. The WBA Merger Termination Agreement provides that WBA would pay to Rite Aid a termination fee in the amount of \$325.0 million, which we received June 30, 2017.

*Asset Sale.* On June 28, 2017 Rite Aid entered into an asset purchase agreement with WBA, which was amended and restated on September 18, 2017, agreeing to sell 1,932 stores, three distribution centers, related inventory, and other specific assets and liabilities related thereto for a purchase price of \$4.375 billion. On October 17, 2017, we began the process of selling the assets to be sold to WBA in accordance with the terms and provisions of this agreement. During the fifty-two weeks ended March 3, 2018, we sold 1,651 stores and related assets to WBA in exchange for proceeds of \$3,553.5 million, which were used to repay outstanding debt, and recognized a pre-tax gain of \$2.1 billion. We estimate that the total pre-tax gain on the sale will be approximately \$2.5 billion. As of March 27, 2018, we have completed the store transfer process, and all 1,932 stores and related assets



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have been transferred to WBA. The transfer of the three distribution centers and related inventory is expected to begin after September 1, 2018.

In fiscal year 2018, we continued reporting our business in two distinct segments. Our Retail Pharmacy Segment consists of Rite Aid stores, RediClinic and Health Dialog. Our Pharmacy Services Segment consists of EnvisionRx, our PBM that has been rebranded as EnvisionRxOptions. The above changes and challenges for our business resulted in the need to address retention concerns in the immediate term.

We feel that we have assembled a very strong team of executives, which has in turn resulted in our ability to attract and retain highly talented individuals at all levels of the organization who are committed to our core values of excellence, integrity and respect for people and have the ability to execute our strategic and operational priorities. This combination of strong executive leadership and a highly talented and motivated supporting team has enabled us to focus in on a robust suite of assets that are both strong and unique in the retail healthcare space.

*Our Fiscal Year 2018 Performance Measures for Incentive Programs.*

Despite our executive leadership team's continued focus on driving our business, the extended duration of the WBA merger and asset sale process, and the resulting uncertainty, had a negative impact on our fiscal year 2018 results. We were also excluded from some PBM networks and faced continued pharmacy reimbursement rate challenges that we were unable to offset with reductions in drug purchasing costs. Below is additional detail related to key financial indicators used as performance measures in our incentive programs for fiscal year 2018. All amounts, unless stated otherwise, are for continuing operations:

Adjusted EBITDA was \$560 million or 2.6% of revenues for fiscal year 2018 compared to \$740 million or 3.2% of revenues for the prior year (which was one week longer than fiscal year 2018). See the discussion under the caption "Cash Incentive Bonuses" below for more detail on how Adjusted EBITDA was used. The decline in Adjusted EBITDA is due to a decrease of \$164 million in the Retail Pharmacy Segment and \$17 million in the Pharmacy Services Segment. The decrease in the Retail Pharmacy Segment EBITDA was primarily driven by a decline in pharmacy sales and gross profit. These declines were due to continued reductions in reimbursement rates which the Company was unable to fully offset with generic purchasing efficiencies, as well as lower script counts. The decrease in the Pharmacy Services Segment EBITDA was primarily driven by a decline in Revenues. See Appendix A for a reconciliation of our Adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP measure, to net income under GAAP.

We had adjusted net loss of \$20 million, or \$.02 per diluted share compared to the prior year's adjusted net income of \$85 or \$0.08 per diluted share. This decline was primarily due to a decline in Adjusted EBITDA, as described above. See Appendix A for a reconciliation of our adjusted net income and adjusted net income per diluted share, which are non-GAAP measures, to net income under GAAP.

Our return on net assets for fiscal year 2018 was 0.6%. This ratio is a measure of the effective deployment of our assets within our business.

*Our Executive Compensation Philosophy.*

We believe strongly that pay should align with performance and this focus is reflected in our executive compensation programs. We seek to provide our Named Executive Officers with opportunities to earn total direct compensation (base salary, annual incentives, and long-term incentives) that are generally aligned with compensation levels provided to peer company executives and executives within similarly-sized retailers more broadly.

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Because of our desire to reinforce a performance-based culture, the Company emphasizes a pay mix that is comprised primarily of variable pay. As a result, base salary makes up the smallest portion of total direct compensation for the Named Executive Officers, with variable pay in the form of annual and long-term incentives comprising the remaining portion. The mix varies by position, taking into account each position's ability to influence Company results, as well as competitive practice. See page 43 for a graphical representation of pay mix by executive.

*Consideration of Stockholder Votes on Executive Compensation.*

In July 2017, our stockholders voted to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation every year. Consistent with that vote, the Board resolved to hold an advisory "say-on-pay" vote every year in connection with its annual meeting of stockholders.

At our 2017 Annual Meeting approximately 87% of shares voting on the proposal voted in favor of the compensation of our Named Executive Officers on a non-binding, advisory basis. As a result of the strong support of our stockholders in respect of the say-on-pay vote conducted at our 2017 Annual Meeting, the Compensation Committee determined that no material structural design changes should be made to our executive compensation program for our Named Executive Officers in fiscal year 2018.

As in the past, the Compensation Committee will continue to review the results of future advisory say-on-pay votes and will consider stockholder concerns and take them into account in future determinations concerning the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.

*Our Fiscal Year 2018 Pay Decisions.*

While focused on our compensation philosophy of pay based on performance in fiscal year 2018, with the impact on our business of the prolonged WBA merger attempt and asset sale and the resulting uncertainty, along with being excluded from some PBM networks and facing continued pharmacy reimbursement rate challenges, we believed it was also important to incorporate a retention program for our leadership team. In addition to providing for pay based on performance metrics intended to be aligned with stockholder returns we provided time based retention awards to our key leaders, including the Named Executive Officers.

We used Adjusted EBITDA as the primary financial metric in our annual incentive plan and long-term performance awards in fiscal year 2018. We believe this was appropriate because EBITDA growth has historically shown a strong positive correlation with three-year and five-year total stockholder return for Rite Aid and its peer group and represented the best indicator of Rite Aid's operating performance based on our financial situation and corporate structure. With respect to long-term performance awards, a return on net asset ratio continued to be a component of the performance assessment. The Compensation Committee believes that return on net assets is a key indicator of our corporate performance, as it measures how efficiently and effectively we deploy our assets (return on net assets) and focuses management on the need to improve the Company's financial condition over time. Additionally, the Compensation Committee has maintained a plan provision subjecting the long-term performance award to positive or negative modification based on our relative stockholder return versus the Russell 3000 Index over the three-year performance period.

Our Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA (which consists of Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations plus Adjusted EBITDA from the stores sold to Walgreens up to each store's respective sale date), for short-term incentive calculation purposes, for fiscal year 2018 was \$818 million, which was below our annual plan target of \$985 million, but above the threshold performance level of \$640 million. Based on performance against the adjusted goal, and as described in more detail below under "Cash Incentive Bonuses," our Named Executive Officers were paid bonuses at 74.8% of target for fiscal year 2018 performance. See Appendix A for a reconciliation of our Adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP measure, to net income under GAAP.

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The performance targets for the long-term incentive awards granted to our Named Executive Officers in the form of performance stock in fiscal year 2018 are discussed in detail below. See "Long-Term Incentive Program Performance Awards" on pages 48 to 50.

**Objectives of Our Executive Compensation Program**

All of our executive compensation and benefits programs are within the purview of the Compensation Committee, which bases these programs on the same objectives that guide the Company in establishing all of its compensation programs. The Compensation Committee also administers the Company's equity incentive compensation plans. In establishing or approving the compensation of our Named Executive Officers in any given year, the Compensation Committee is generally guided by the following objectives:

Compensation should be based on the level of job responsibility, individual performance, and corporate performance, and should foster the long-term focus required for success in the retail drugstore industry. As associates progress to higher levels in the organization, an increasing proportion of their pay is linked to Company performance and stockholder returns and to longer-term performance because they are in a position to have greater influence on longer-term results.

Compensation should reflect the value of the job in the marketplace. To attract and retain a highly skilled, diverse work force, we must remain competitive with the pay of other employers who compete with us for talent.

Compensation should reward performance. Our programs should deliver compensation that is related to our corporate performance. Where corporate performance falls short of expectations, the programs should deliver lower-tier compensation. In addition, the objectives of pay-for-performance and retention must be balanced. Even in periods of temporary downturns in overall corporate performance, the programs should continue to ensure that successful, high-achieving associates will remain motivated and committed to the Company to support the stability and future needs of the Company.

To be effective, performance-based compensation programs should enable associates to easily understand how their efforts can affect their pay, both directly through individual performance accomplishments and indirectly through contributing to the Company's achievement of its strategic and operational goals.

Compensation and benefit programs should reward performance relative to consistent measures and goals at all levels of the organization. While the programs and individual pay levels will always reflect differences in job responsibilities, geographies, and marketplace considerations, the overall structure of compensation and benefit programs should be broadly similar across the organization.

Compensation and benefit programs should attract associates who are interested in a career at Rite Aid.

**The Compensation Committee's Processes**

The Compensation Committee has established a number of processes to assist it in ensuring that the Company's executive compensation program is achieving its objectives. Among those are:

*Assessment of Company performance.* The Compensation Committee uses Company performance measures in two ways. First, in assessing the linkage between actual total compensation and performance, the Compensation Committee considers various measures of Company and industry performance, such as comparable store sales growth, EBITDA growth, return on sales, debt leverage

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ratios, return on average invested capital and net assets and total stockholder return. In determining performance relative to the Company's peer group (as discussed further below), the Compensation Committee does not apply a formula or assign these performance measures relative weights. Instead, it makes a subjective determination after considering such measures collectively. Second, as described in more detail below, the Compensation Committee has established specific Company target incentive/award levels and performance measures that determine the size of payouts under the Company's two formula-based incentive programs the annual cash incentive bonus program and performance awards granted under the Company's long-term incentive program.

*Assessment of competitive compensation levels.* The Compensation Committee, with the help of its independent compensation consultant Exequity LLP, assesses the Company's programs relative to a peer group of retail organizations and published survey data. The peer group, updated for fiscal year 2018 to reflect the projected decline in the scope of Rite Aid's operations following the planned divestiture of stores and distribution centers to WBA, was approved by the Compensation Committee in September 2017 after a comprehensive review. Because the Company has a limited number of publicly-traded direct competitors and because pharmacy sales (which account for over two-thirds of the Company's revenue) are governed by third-party contracts, we reviewed potential peers relative to multiple criteria including:

Competitors for executive talent, such as grocery store chains, discount department stores, pharmacy benefits managers, companies engaged in pharmaceutical distribution, and healthcare services organizations;

Competitors for investment capital, such as companies considered peers by financial analysts, companies with a similar capital structure or companies whose stock price movement correlated most directly with Rite Aid;

Companies with which Rite Aid competes for customers that have pharmacy operations, offer similar merchandise as Rite Aid, or provide healthcare services; and

Companies of similar size based on revenue as well as enterprise value.

The resulting peer companies, which are considered to be the best representation of our target labor market, are listed below.

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<b>Peer Company</b>	<b>Revenues (\$ Millions)</b>
CVS Health Corporation	184,765
Walgreen Boots Alliance, Inc.	124,028
Best Buy Co., Inc.	42,151
Macy's, Inc.	24,837
Dollar General Corp.	23,471
Dollar Tree, Inc.	22,246
AutoNation, Inc.	21,535
Kohl's Corporation	19,095
Sears Holdings Corp.	16,702
Supervalu Inc.	14,649
J.C. Penney Company, Inc.	12,506
Henry Schein, Inc.	12,462
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.	12,349
DaVita Inc.	10,877
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings	10,441
Office Depot Inc.	10,240
Owens & Minor, Inc.	9,318

## Note:

Revenue reflects trailing 12-month data through February 2018 as available per Standard & Poor's Capital IQ.

The Compensation Committee compares the compensation levels of Rite Aid's Named Executive Officers to peer company compensation levels in the aggregate, and also compares the pay of individual executives if the jobs are sufficiently similar to make the comparison meaningful.

In addition to peer group data, the Compensation Committee reviews market data based on specific functional responsibility for each executive from published survey data. The survey analysis targets data from similarly-sized retail organizations based on each executive's functional responsibility. The surveys used in the analysis include Mercer's *2017 Executive Remuneration Suite*, Mercer's *2017 Retail Compensation and Benefits Survey*, and Towers Watson's *2017 Survey Report on Top Management Compensation*.

The Compensation Committee uses peer group and survey data primarily to ensure that the executive compensation program as a whole is competitive, meaning generally within 25% of the median range of comparative pay of the market when Rite Aid achieves the targeted performance levels. The Compensation Committee further designed the incentive plans in such a way that executives can earn above competitive levels for superior performance and below competitive levels if performance is below expectations. The Compensation Committee assesses overall alignment of the compensation program rather than benchmarking a specific target position with consideration of factors, such as Company and individual performance, how executive roles function within Rite Aid, concerns about executive retention, and availability of equity compensation. The Compensation Committee assesses Rite Aid's performance relative to its peer group on both a one- and three-year basis and observed alignment of performance with actual total direct compensation levels for the executives in the aggregate.

In fiscal year 2018, management engaged Mercer, a compensation consultant, to provide management with compensation information for certain executive officers. Pursuant to the terms of its retention, Mercer reported directly to management, and not to the Compensation Committee, although the Compensation Committee did review recommendations and analysis prepared by management and Mercer in determining fiscal year 2018 compensation for the Named Executive Officers.

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*Total compensation review.* The Compensation Committee reviews each executive's base pay, annual bonus, and long-term incentives annually with the guidance of the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant. Following the fiscal year 2018 review, the Compensation Committee determined that the target level and components of compensation for fiscal year 2018 were competitive and reasonable in the aggregate.

**Components of Executive Compensation for Fiscal Year 2018**

For fiscal year 2018, the regular compensation program for our Named Executive Officers consisted of four primary components: (i) base salary, (ii) a cash incentive bonus opportunity under the Company's annual incentive bonus plan, (iii) long-term incentives consisting of restricted stock and performance-based restricted stock units and (iv) a benefits package, including a Supplemental Executive Retirement Program ("SERP"). A significant portion of total compensation under the program is variable, meaning a significant portion is subject to performance and is comprised of target annual incentives and target long-term incentives.

The Compensation Committee believes that this program appropriately balances the mix of cash and equity compensation, the mix of currently-paid and longer-term compensation, and the security of base benefits in a way that best furthers the compensation objectives discussed above. The chart below shows the overall mix of base salary, target annual incentives, target long-term incentives, and contributions under the SERP for Messrs. Standley, Crawford, Karst, Everett, Montini and Ms. Konrad.

**Target Total Remuneration(1)**

**Compensation Component as a % of Total Remuneration for Fiscal Year 2018**

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(1) Target Total Remuneration represents the sum of base salary, target annual incentives, target long-term incentives, and SERP contributions. Target Total Compensation does not include (i) the value of broad-based benefits provided to all employees, (ii) components of all other compensation (except the SERP) shown in the Summary Compensation Table and (iii) retention awards.

**Base Salary**

Base salary is one element of an executive's annual cash compensation during employment. The value of base salary reflects the executive's long-term performance, skill set and the market value of



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that skill set. In setting base salaries for fiscal year 2018, the Compensation Committee considered the following factors:

*Pay levels at comparable companies.* As noted above, the Compensation Committee uses peer group data to test for the reasonableness and competitiveness of base salaries, but it also exercises subjective judgment in view of the Company's compensation objectives.

*Internal relativity.* Meaning the relative pay differences for different job levels.

*Individual performance.* Except for increases associated with promotions or increased responsibility, increases in base salary for executives from year to year are generally limited to minimal adjustments to reflect individual performance.

*Consideration of the mix of overall compensation.* Consistent with our compensation objectives, as executives progress to higher levels in the organization, a greater proportion of overall compensation is directly linked to Company performance and stockholder returns. Mr. Standley's overall compensation, for example, is more heavily weighted toward short- and long-term incentive compensation (approximately 85% in the aggregate as shown in the bar chart above) than that of the other Named Executive Officers.

The Compensation Committee reviewed the Named Executive Officers' base salaries in April of fiscal year 2018 and considered the principles described above under "The Compensation Committee's Processes" in establishing the Named Executive Officers' base salaries for the fiscal year as noted in the chart below. In addition to the annual performance increases, Bryan B. Everett and Jocelyn Z. Konrad were awarded an additional increase in September in connection with the promotion to Chief Operating Officer, Rite Aid Stores, and an additional merit increase, respectively.

Executive	Base Salary at End of FY 2018	Increase or Change from Prior Fiscal Year	Rationale
John T. Standley	\$ 1,220,550	3.0%	Performance
Kermit Crawford(a)	\$ 1,000,000	N/A	New hire(a)
Darren W. Karst	\$ 830,250	2.5%	Performance
Bryan B. Everett	\$ 600,000	30.0%	Performance & Promotion
Jocelyn Z. Konrad	\$ 450,000	12.5%	Performance and Merit
Enio A. Montini, Jr.(b)	\$ 481,440	2.1%	Performance

(a) Effective October 2, 2017, Mr. Crawford was hired as President and Chief Operating Officer.

(b) Mr. Montini retired from the Company on December 15, 2017.

**Cash Incentive Bonuses**

The Company established an annual incentive plan in order to incentivize the Named Executive Officers to meet the Company's Adjusted EBITDA target for fiscal year 2018. The Compensation Committee establishes a target percentage of salary for each participant at the beginning of the fiscal year and approves the financial goals required for the Company to pay an award. Payouts for the Named Executive Officers are then determined by the Company's financial results for the year relative to the predetermined performance measures. As shown in the Summary Compensation Table under "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation," incentives were paid to Named Executive Officers for fiscal year 2018 performance.

*Bonus targets.* Targets for each Named Executive Officer were determined based on job responsibilities, internal relativity, and peer group and survey data. The Compensation Committee's objective was to set bonus targets such that total annual cash compensation (including base salary and



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annual incentive assuming a target payout) was generally aligned with the market with a substantial portion of that compensation linked to corporate performance. Consistent with our executive compensation philosophy, individuals with greater job responsibilities had a greater proportion of their total cash compensation tied to Company performance through the incentive plan. The Compensation Committee, as a result, established the following targets for fiscal year 2018:

**Annual Incentive Opportunity**

<b>Executive</b>	<b>Threshold Payout (as a % of Salary)</b>	<b>Target Payout (as a % of Salary)</b>	<b>Maximum Payout (as a % of Salary)</b>
John T. Standley	100%	200%	400%
Kermit Crawford(a)	87.5%	175%	350%
Darren W. Karst	62.5%	125%	250%
Bryan B. Everett(b)	44.5%	89%	178%
Jocelyn Z. Konrad	37.5%	75%	150%
Enio A. Montini, Jr.(c)	37.5%	75%	150%

- (a) The amount of annual incentive opportunity earned by Mr. Crawford was pro-rated based on his start date effective October 2, 2017 until the end of fiscal year 2018.
- (b) Effective as of September 6, 2017, the target payout (as a percentage of annual base salary) for Mr. Everett was increased to 100% in connection with his promotion to his current role. The amount of annual incentive opportunity earned by Mr. Everett was pro-rated such that the target payout of 100% was applied from September 6, 2017 until the end of fiscal year 2018.
- (c) Mr. Montini received a pro-rated portion of his annual incentive based on the earned amount for the fiscal year pro-rated for the number of accounting periods (full months in the fiscal year) before his retirement on December 15, 2017.

The Compensation Committee believes that using Adjusted EBITDA as the measure for the annual incentive plan appropriately encourages officers, including the Named Executive Officers, to focus on improving operating results which ultimately drive stockholder value. EBITDA growth has historically shown a strong positive correlation with three-year and five-year total stockholder return for Rite Aid and its peer group. The majority of Rite Aid's peer companies use an EBITDA measure in their annual incentive plans. Based on Rite Aid's current financial situation and capital structure, the Compensation Committee believes that Adjusted EBITDA is the best indicator of Rite Aid's operating performance. The measure is tracked regularly and is clearly understood by the officers. Officers can impact the measure by taking actions to improve the operating performance of our stores. In addition, the Company regularly communicates Adjusted EBITDA to the investment community.

Under the plan formula, payouts can range from 0% to 200% of bonus targets depending on Company performance. The Compensation Committee initially established an Adjusted EBITDA performance target of \$1,022 million for fiscal year 2018, based on the then-current financial plan targets. This performance level target, based on the financial plan, was below our fiscal year 2017 performance of \$1,137 million as a result of continuing reimbursement rate pressure and the fact that fiscal year 2018 had one (1) less week than fiscal year 2017. The Compensation Committee also established a threshold at which management could be rewarded at 50% of bonus target at achievement of Adjusted EBITDA of \$869 million (85% of target), and the Compensation Committee approved a maximum at which management could be rewarded at 200% of bonus target at achievement of Adjusted EBITDA of \$1,124 million (110% of target).

At its July 2017 meeting, the Compensation Committee re-evaluated the likelihood of achieving Adjusted EBITDA results above the threshold performance of \$869 million after termination of the

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WBA merger agreement and execution of the subsequent asset sale to divest stores and distribution centers to WBA. During this meeting, the Compensation Committee determined based on the projected financial impact of the loss of certain pharmacy services contracts and the Company being excluded from certain pharmacy networks in which it participated last year, that such level of performance was extremely unlikely to be attained. Accordingly, in the interest of maintaining a strong incentive aligned with short-term performance following considerable ongoing challenges and uncertainty related to the extended duration of the potential WBA merger process, as well as no payments and projected below-target or no payments under recent and in-cycle annual and long-term performance incentives, the Compensation Committee lowered the threshold level of performance at which management could be rewarded with a bonus of 50% of target, and approved a threshold Adjusted EBITDA of \$664 million (65% of target). At the same time, the Compensation Committee also decided to increase the maximum level of performance at which management could be rewarded at 200% of bonus target, and approved a maximum Adjusted EBITDA goal of \$1,380 million (135% of target).

Finally, in February 2018, the Compensation Committee modified the annual incentive performance framework to reflect the impact of the reduction of Adjusted EBITDA resulting from the divestiture of stores to WBA. Specifically, the Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA target was reduced by \$37 million to \$985 million, threshold Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA remained 65% of target (reduced to \$640 million), and maximum Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA remained 135% of target (\$1,330 million).

In fiscal year 2018, challenges associated with the extended duration of the WBA merger process and its ultimate termination, the asset sale, as well as the impact of the loss of certain pharmacy services contracts and being excluded from certain pharmacy networks in which we participated last year had a substantial negative impact on our fiscal year 2018 results, and Rite Aid's actual Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA was \$818 million, which was below the revised target performance level, but above the revised threshold performance level, resulting in bonus payments at 74.8% of the revised target. Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA consists of Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations plus Adjusted EBITDA from the stores sold to Walgreens up to each store's respective sale date. As discussed in greater detail in Appendix A, we define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) excluding the impact of income taxes, interest expense, depreciation and amortization, LIFO adjustments, charges or credits for facility closing and impairment, goodwill impairment, inventory write-downs related to store closings, debt retirements, the WBA merger termination fee, and other items (including stock-based compensation expense, merger and acquisition-related costs, severance and costs related to distribution center closures, gain or loss on sale of assets, and revenue deferrals related to our customer loyalty program). We reference this particular non-GAAP financial measure not only as a basis for incentive compensation but also in our corporate decision-making because it provides supplemental information that facilitates internal comparisons to the historical operating performance of prior periods and external comparisons to competitors' historical operating performance.

**Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Incentive Plan Performance Goal**

<b>Performance Level</b>	<b>Adjusted EBITDA Goal (millions)</b>	<b>Resulting Payout as a % of Target Award</b>
Threshold	\$ 640	50%
Target	\$ 985	100%
Maximum	\$ 1,330	200%
<b>Actual Performance</b>	<b>\$ 818</b>	<b>74.8%</b>

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*Crawford Onboarding Grant.* In connection with joining the Company on October 2, 2017 as President and Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Crawford received 1,000,000 stock options that will vest in four equal annual installments, and 975,610 restricted shares that will vest in three equal annual installments. Mr. Crawford did not otherwise participate in the long-term incentive program set forth below.

*Long-term incentive target opportunity.* The purpose of the regular long-term incentive program is to support the long-term perspective necessary for continued success in our business and focus our Named Executive Officers on creating long-term, sustainable stockholder value. Our annual long-term incentive (LTI) targets for each Named Executive Officer as of the date of grant July 17, 2017 are shown below:

**Long-Term Incentive Targets**

<b>Executive</b>	<b>Target (as a % of Salary)</b>
John T. Standley	500%
Kermit Crawford(a)	425%
Darren W. Karst(b)	250%
Bryan B. Everett(b)	200%
Jocelyn Z. Konrad	150%
Enio A. Montini, Jr.(c)	150%

- (a) Mr. Crawford's long-term incentive target will apply beginning in fiscal year 2019. Following his start date of October 2, 2017, Mr. Crawford received 1,000,000 stock options and 975,610 restricted shares, but did not otherwise participate in the long-term incentive program for fiscal year 2018.
- (b) Subsequent to the July 17, 2017 LTI grant, the Compensation Committee recommended and subsequently approved an increase to Mr. Karst's and Mr. Everett's LTI target percentage to 250% and 200%, respectively.
- (c) Mr. Montini forfeited any LTI granted to him on July 17, 2017 with his retirement on December 15, 2017.

The Compensation Committee reviewed available peer group data and found that the design of the long-term incentive program is reasonably aligned with general retail industry market practice. Target grant values for individual executive officers were established based on individual performance and internal relativity. Consistent with the Company's compensation philosophy, executive officers at higher levels received a greater proportion of total pay in the form of long-term incentives.

*Long-term incentive mix.* In fiscal year 2018 we used the following types of awards:

<b>Vehicle</b>	<b>Approximate Proportion of 2018 Long-Term Incentive Target Opportunity</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units	50%	Links compensation to multi-year operating results on key measures tied to stockholder value creation.
Restricted Stock	50%	Supports retention and provides a vehicle with more stability and less risk. Aligns executive and stockholder interests and focuses executives on value creation.

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In determining the overall mix of long-term incentive vehicles, the following factors were considered:

*Risk/reward tradeoffs:* Using multiple long-term incentive vehicles can balance the need for a strong performance-based program against risk to executives.

*Performance measurement:* Using a combination of vehicles allows the Company to focus executives on both stock price appreciation and achievement of consistent operating results (as indicated by Adjusted EBITDA and other measures) which we believe leads to creation of value for stockholders.

*Management of share usage and market practice:* Rite Aid considers market practice concerning both share usage and competitive long-term incentive levels. Rite Aid uses either a stock-based performance vehicle or a cash-based performance vehicle that was tied to the stock price which allows the delivery of a long-term incentive opportunity which is aligned with peer companies and retailers of similar size. The target LTI mix has been selected to align the maximum opportunity for executives and associates with our stockholder return.

The Compensation Committee's process for setting grant dates is discussed below. On the approval date, those values are converted to the equivalent number of shares based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of approval.

*Grant timing.* The Compensation Committee has a policy that annual long-term incentive awards (other than special or new hire grants) will be approved by the Compensation Committee once a year at its annual meeting held in connection with the annual stockholders meeting, with a grant date equal to the later of the second business day after release of the Company's first quarter earnings or the date of approval. Grants are made to the Named Executive Officers at the same time as awards are made to all other associates as part of the annual grant process.

*Special awards.* From time to time, the Company may make grants in addition to the annual equity grant, including those to Named Executive Officers. Typically, these grants include awards to new hires, promotional awards, or retention awards. Special awards can also be utilized to provide special performance incentives in connection with specific corporate or financial goals of the Company. Other than a grant of restricted shares provided to Mr. Everett upon his promotion in September of 2017, as shown below in the "Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table For Fiscal Year 2018," no special awards were made to our Named Executive Officers in fiscal year 2018.

***Performance Awards***

Performance awards granted to the Named Executive Officers under the regular long-term incentive program are in the form of units, which are denominated in a target number of shares and payable in Company stock or cash if the designated Company performance goals are achieved over the prescribed performance period. Payouts can range from 0% (for performance below threshold) to 250% of target (for performance at or above maximum). Performance awards are intended to align interests of executives with those of stockholders through the use of measures the Company believes drive its long-term success. Performance awards are normally granted annually and are structured as a targeted number of units based on the Company's achievement of specific performance levels with payout occurring after a three-year period.

For the 2016 and 2017 performance award grants (the "2016-2018 Plan" and the "2017-2019 Plan"), the Compensation Committee based 80% of the award on the achievement of three-year (fiscal year 2016-fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2017-fiscal year 2019) cumulative Adjusted EBITDA goals and the remaining 20% on three-year (fiscal year 2016-fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2017-fiscal year 2019) return on net asset goals. The Compensation Committee also added a provision for each cycle, subjecting the award to modification based on our relative stockholder return versus the Russell 3000

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Index over the respective three-year measuring periods. The Compensation Committee believes this provision further aligns the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders and adds an additional incentive for them to create sustainable long-term value for the Company.

For the 2018 performance award grants ("2018-2020 Plan"), the Compensation Committee also based 80% of the award on the achievement of Adjusted EBITDA goals and the remaining 20% on return on net assets performance. However, due to the significant uncertainty during the transition of our business in 2018, the 2018-2020 Plan financial performance goals are based on the accumulation of one-year goals set for 2019 and 2020 only. As in prior cycles, the Compensation Committee added a provision subjecting the award to modification based on our relative stockholder return versus the Russell 3000 Index over the full 2018-2020 performance period.

*2016-2018 Plan.* Under the 2016-2018 Plan, participants have the opportunity to earn shares of Rite Aid stock, contingent on cumulative Company financial performance for the three-year period spanning fiscal year 2016 through fiscal year 2018. Such financial performance is based 80% on the Adjusted EBITDA goals and 20% on return on net asset goals. The Compensation Committee set a three-year cumulative target for both metrics. In addition, in order to further align the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders and add an additional incentive for them to create sustainable long-term value for the Company, the Compensation Committee also determined to subject the award to modification of +/- 25% based on our relative stockholder return versus the Russell 3000 Index over the three-year measuring period. For fiscal years 2016-2018, actual Adjusted EBITDA of \$3,357 million was below the three-year performance threshold of \$3,618 million. Actual return on net assets was 2.4% compared to a target of 18.6%. Accordingly, no awards were earned under the 2016-2018 Plan.

*2017-2019 Plan.* Under the 2017-2019 Plan, participants have the opportunity to earn shares of Rite Aid stock, contingent on cumulative Company financial performance for the three-year period spanning fiscal year 2017-fiscal year 2019. Such financial performance is based 80% on the Adjusted EBITDA goals and 20% on return on net asset goals. In addition, in order to further align the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders and add an additional incentive for them to create sustainable long-term value for the Company, the Compensation Committee also determined to subject the award to modification of +/- 25% based on our relative stockholder return versus the Russell 3000 Index over the three-year measuring period.

*2018-2020 Plan.* Under the 2018-2020 Plan, participants have the opportunity to earn cash payments after the end of fiscal year 2020, contingent on performance relative to accumulated one-year Company financial performance goals for each of fiscal year 2019 and fiscal year 2020. Such financial performance is based 80% on the Adjusted EBITDA goals and 20% on return on net asset goals. The value of a unit is tied to the stock price with a maximum value of 300% of the grant date stock price. This aligns the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders. In addition, in order to further align the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders and add an additional incentive for them to create sustainable long-term value for the Company, the Compensation Committee also determined to subject the award to modification based on our relative stockholder return versus the Russell 3000 Index over the three-year vesting period. As shown in the table below, payouts can range from 0% (for performance below threshold) to 250% of the target number of units (for performance at or above maximum). 37.5% of the target unit award can be earned for performance at threshold levels.

Table of Contents**2018-2020 Plan: Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units**

<b>Executive(a)</b>	<b>Target Award (\$)</b>	<b>Threshold Award (# of Units)</b>	<b>Target Award (# of Units)</b>	<b>Maximum Award (# of Units)</b>
John T. Standley	3,051,279	495,338	1,320,900	3,302,250
Darren W. Karst	830,214	134,775	359,400	898,500
Bryan B. Everett	356,200	77,100	154,200	385,500
Jocelyn Z. Konrad	309,078	50,175	133,800	334,500
Enio A. Montini, Jr.(b)	361,053	58,613	156,300	390,750

(a) Because Mr. Crawford did not commence employment with the Company until after the date the 2018-2020 Plan was established, he did not participate in the 2018-2020 Plan. On his October 2, 2017 start date, Mr. Crawford received 1,000,000 stock options and 975,610 restricted shares.

(b) Mr. Montini forfeited his 2018-2020 Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units with his retirement on December 15, 2017.

***Restricted Stock***

Restricted stock grants are intended to support retention of executives and focus them on long-term performance because they generally vest over a multi-year period (three years or longer) and are tied to the value of our stock. The risk profile of restricted stock is aligned with stockholders, as it can motivate executives to both increase and preserve stock price. The table below summarizes 2018 restricted stock awards:

**2018 Restricted Stock Awards**

<b>Executive</b>	<b>Award Value (\$)</b>	<b># of Shares</b>
John T. Standley	\$ 3,051,375	1,320,900
Kermit Crawford(a)	\$ 2,000,000	975,610
Darren W. Karst	\$ 830,249	359,400
Bryan B. Everett(b)	\$ 1,324,202	554,200
Jocelyn Z. Konrad	\$ 309,000	133,800
Enio A. Montini, Jr.(c)	\$ 361,080	156,300

(a) On his October 2, 2017 start date, Mr. Crawford received 975,610 restricted shares as shown.

(b) On his September 6, 2017 promotion to Chief Operating Officer, Rite Aid Stores, Mr. Everett received 400,000 restricted shares.

(c) Mr. Montini forfeited his 2018 restricted stock award with his retirement on December 15, 2017.

**Retention Efforts in Fiscal Year 2018**

Rite Aid had entered into individual retention agreements for our Named Executive Officers (excluding Messrs. Standley and Crawford) and other key officers who are not Named Executive Officers in coordination with the WBA merger agreement, as previously disclosed. These awards, which were to be paid 120 days after completion of the merger based on the completion and continued employment, were not paid out because the merger condition was not satisfied. With the termination of



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the WBA merger agreement, the Compensation Committee determined to provide new retention awards for an amount equal to approximately one half of the original retention amount payable on November 1, 2017, as shown in the Summary Compensation Table. This award was viewed as honoring a commitment to the leaders related to the merger, the completion of which was outside their control.

In addition to the fiscal year 2018 regular compensation program for the Named Executive Officers, Rite Aid has entered into individual retention agreements with each of the Named Executive Officers, as well as other key officers who are not named executive officers, to enhance employee retention and promote corporate performance, amidst significant volatility and uncertainty related to restructuring the company. The outstanding retention agreements with each Named Executive Officer other than Messrs. Standley and Crawford generally provide for the lump-sum payment of the retention awards in equal installments on August 1, 2018 and May 1, 2019, subject to continued employment through such retention date or upon an earlier qualifying termination.

The retention agreement with Mr. Crawford generally provides for the lump-sum payment of the retention award on October 1, 2019, subject to continued employment through such retention date or an earlier qualifying termination of employment.

The retention agreement with Mr. Standley generally provides for the lump-sum payment of the retention award (x) on the completion of the Albertson's Merger if Mr. Standley has not been appointed to serve as chief executive officer of the combined company or (y) on the date that the Rite Aid Board of Directors determines that the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement will not be consummated, in each case, subject to continued employment through each such retention date or an earlier qualifying termination of employment. Due to the termination of the Merger Agreement on August 8, 2018, Mr. Standley received the \$3,000,000 retention payment to which he was entitled under his retention agreement.

Under the remaining retention agreements, in the aggregate, Mr. Crawford could earn a retention payment of \$1,000,000, Mr. Karst could earn a retention payment of \$830,250, Mr. Everett could earn a retention payment of \$600,000 and Ms. Konrad could earn a retention payment of \$450,000. Fifty percent of the retention amount for each officer other than Mr. Crawford was paid based on continued employment on August 1, 2018.

**Post-Retirement Benefits**

*Supplemental Executive Retirement Program.* Each of the Named Executive Officers receives benefits under a defined contribution supplemental executive retirement plan. Under the SERP, Rite Aid credits each participant with a specific sum to an individual account established for the participant, on a monthly basis while the participant is employed. The amount credited is equal to 2% of the executive officer's annual base compensation. The participants are able to select among a choice of earnings indexes, and their accounts are credited with earnings that mirror the investment results of such indexes. Participants vest in their accounts at the rate of 20% per year for each calendar year of participation in the SERP at a five-year rolling rate with the entire account balance for each participant vesting upon death or total disability of the participant, termination without cause during the 12-month period following a "change in control" of the Company as defined in the SERP or upon termination of employment at age 60 or greater with at least five years of participation in the SERP. SERP payments may be delayed due to certain tax rules or deferral elections made by the executive.

**Other Post-Employment and Change in Control Benefits**

To attract and retain highly skilled executives and to provide for certainty of rights and obligations, Rite Aid has historically provided employment agreements to its executive officers, including our Named Executive Officers. The terms of the employment agreements are described in more detail under the caption "Executive Employment Agreements." Additional information regarding the severance and change in control benefits provided under the employment agreements is described under the section entitled "Executive Compensation Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control."



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**Deductibility Cap on Executive Compensation**

The Compensation Committee is aware that Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), treats certain elements of executive compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 a year payable to our Chief Executive Officer and three other most highly compensated executives (and, effective beginning in 2018, our Chief Financial Officer) as an expense not deductible by the Company for federal income tax purposes. The exception providing that payments to these individuals in excess of the \$1,000,000 limit will be deductible if such payments are performance-based was repealed beginning in 2018, as further described below.

H.R.1, formally known as the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act," enacted on December 22, 2017, substantially modifies Section 162(m) by, among other things, eliminating the performance-based exception to the \$1 million deduction limit effective as of January 1, 2018. As a result, beginning in 2018, compensation paid to our Named Executive Officers in excess of \$1 million will generally be nondeductible, whether or not it is performance-based. While the Compensation Committee plans to continue taking actions intended to limit the impact of Section 162(m), it also believes that tax deductibility is only one of several relevant considerations in setting compensation. Therefore, in order to maintain the flexibility to provide compensation programs for our Named Executive Officers that will best incentivize them to achieve our key business objectives and create sustainable long-term stockholder value, the Compensation Committee reserves the right to pay compensation that may not be deductible to the Company if it determines that doing so would be in the best interests of the Company.

H.R.1 also includes a transition rule under which the changes to Section 162(m) described above will not apply to compensation payable pursuant to a written binding contract that was in effect on November 2, 2017 and is not subsequently materially modified. To the extent applicable to our existing contracts and awards, the Compensation Committee may choose to avail itself of the transition rule.

**Policy Regarding Recoupment of Certain Compensation**

The Company has adopted a formal compensation recovery or "clawback" policy for its executive officers, including all Named Executive Officers. Pursuant to this policy, the Board of Directors may seek to recoup certain incentive compensation, including cash bonuses and equity incentive awards paid based upon the achievement of financial performance metrics, from executives in the event that the Company is required to restate its financial statements.

**Prohibition on Margin Accounts and Hedging and Similar Transactions**

Our executive officers and directors, including the Named Executive Officers, are subject to an insider trading policy that, among other things, prohibits them from holding Company securities in a margin account, and also prohibits them from engaging in put or call options, short selling or similar hedging activities involving our stock. We prohibit these transactions because they may reduce the individual's incentive to improve our performance, focus the individual on short-term performance at the expense of long-term objectives and misalign the individual's interests with those of our stockholders generally.

**Director and Officer Stock Ownership Guidelines**

In June 2014, we revised our Stock Ownership Guidelines in order to further the investment of our non-management directors, executive officers, and Senior Vice Presidents in the success of the

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Company and to encourage a long-term perspective in managing the Company. The stock ownership requirements are:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Minimum Ownership Requirements (Number of Share Equivalents)</b>
Chief Executive Officer	lesser of 1,400,000 share equivalents or 5 times base salary
President(1)	lesser of 700,000 share equivalents or 3 times base salary
Senior Executive Vice Presidents	lesser of 700,000 share equivalents or 3 times base salary
Executive Vice Presidents	lesser of 200,000 share equivalents or 2 times base salary
Senior Vice Presidents	lesser of 100,000 share equivalents or 1 times base salary
Non-Management Directors(2)	lesser of 150,000 share equivalents or 2 times annual cash retainer

(1) If the President is also the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Executive Officer amount shall apply.

(2) Other than an Executive Chairman, who shall be subject to the same requirement as the Chief Executive Officer.

Newly appointed or promoted executives who are or become subject to our Stock Ownership Guidelines and newly elected non-management directors have five years from the time they are appointed, promoted or elected, as the case may be, to meet the stock ownership requirements. Currently, all of our Named Executive Officers have achieved the minimum holding ownership requirement or have not yet served for five years.

For the purposes of determining stock ownership levels, the following forms of equity interests in the Company are included:

Shares owned outright by the participant or his or her immediate family members residing in the same household;

Restricted stock and restricted stock units whether or not vested; and

Shares underlying Rite Aid stock options whether or not vested.

Restricted stock and restricted stock units, whether or not vested, and shares owned count as one (1) share equivalent per share beneficially owned and stock options, whether or not vested, count as one-half (.5) share equivalent per stock option.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for interpreting and administering the Stock Ownership Guidelines, and may, from time to time, reevaluate and revise the Stock Ownership Guidelines, including when there are changes to the Company's capital structure or where implementation of the Stock Ownership Guidelines would cause a non-management director, executive officer or Senior Vice President to incur a hardship due to his or her unique financial circumstances.

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**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors has reviewed and discussed the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management and, based on that review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

Marcy Syms, Chair  
Bruce G. Bodaken  
Michael N. Regan

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The following summary compensation table sets forth the cash and non-cash compensation for the fiscal years ended March 3, 2018, March 4, 2017, and February 27, 2016, respectively, paid to or earned by (i) our principal executive officer, (ii) our principal financial officer, (iii) the three most highly compensated executive officers of the Company other than the principal executive officer or the principal financial officer who were serving at the end of the 2018 fiscal year and (iv) one former executive officer who would have been among the three most highly compensated executive officers of the Company if he had served as an executive officer at the end of the 2018 fiscal year (collectively, the "Named Executive Officers").

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)	Option Awards (\$)(1)	Change In Pension Value and Non-Equity Nonqualified Incentive Deferred Compensation		All Other Compensation (\$)(4)	Total (\$)
						Plan Compensation (\$)(2)	Earnings (\$)(3)		
John T. Standley (CEO)	2018	1,219,857		5,640,243		1,825,943	314,545	319,874	9,320,462
	2017	1,184,500		6,095,121			481,309	311,025	8,071,955
	2016	1,150,000		13,672,926	2,533,385	4,705,038	0	304,923	22,366,272
Kermit Crawford (President & COO)	2018	403,846		2,000,000	1,080,000	729,167	18,921	1,175,000	5,406,934
Darren W. Karst (Senior Executive VP, CFO & CAO)	2018	829,856		1,534,638		776,284	49,056	782,185	3,972,019
	2017	809,751		1,667,368			52,907	269,584	2,799,610
	2016	790,005		1,009,008	695,980	924,136	0	279,138	3,698,267
Bryan B. Everett (COO, Rite Aid Stores)	2018	533,784		1,626,434		392,700	17,891	413,475	2,984,284
	2017	461,250		712,768			16,768	151,086	1,341,872
Jocelyn Z. Konrad (Executive VP, Pharmacy)	2018	427,846		571,326		252,450	33,665	124,000	1,409,287
Enio A. Montini, Jr. (Former Executive VP, Merchandising & Distribution)(5)	2018	410,884		667,401		202,566	110,666	387,024	1,778,541
	2017	471,500		727,087			159,086	136,545	1,494,218
	2016	450,303		418,548	288,805	658,332		131,225	1,947,213

(1)

The amounts reported reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of each stock award and option award computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. For information regarding the assumptions used in determining the fair value of an award, please refer to Note 17 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on April 26, 2018, Note 16 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on May 3, 2017 and Note 16 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on April 25, 2016, as applicable. The 2018 stock award includes the grant date fair value of the performance awards at target, as shown in the chart below. Based upon the maximum level of achievement under the performance awards, the grant date fair value of such awards would increase for the Named Executive Officers as follows:

Name	Performance			
	Restricted Stock Award (\$)	Award Target Performance (\$)	Total Stock Award (\$)	Max Performance Award Achievement (\$)
Mr. Standley	3,051,279	2,588,964	5,640,243	6,472,410
Mr. Crawford	2,000,000		2,000,000	
Mr. Karst	830,214	704,424	1,534,638	1,761,060
Mr. Everett	1,324,202	302,232	1,626,434	755,580
Ms. Konrad	309,078	262,248	571,326	655,620
Mr. Montini	361,053	306,348	667,401	765,870

(2)

The amounts in the "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column for fiscal year 2018 represent annual cash incentive bonuses for performance in fiscal year 2018.

(3)

Represents above-market earnings (over 120% of the "applicable federal rate"), if applicable, under the Company's defined contribution supplemental executive retirement plans.

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(4) The amounts in the "All Other Compensation" column for fiscal year 2018 consist of the following:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Financial Planning (\$)</b>	<b>Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan Allocations (\$)</b>	<b>Housing/ Transportation Expenses (\$)(A)</b>	<b>Automobile Allowance (\$)</b>	<b>401(k) Matching Contributions (\$)</b>	<b>Retention/ Inducement Award Paid (\$)</b>
Mr. Standley	6,305	290,769		12,000	10,800	
Mr. Crawford		80,000	90,000	5,000		1,000,000
Mr. Karst	5,000	198,030	56,355	12,000	10,800	500,000
Mr. Everett	5,000	135,675		12,000	10,800	250,000
Ms. Konrad		101,200		12,000	10,800	
Mr. Montini	1,275	114,949		10,000	10,800	250,000

(A) Mr. Crawford and Mr. Karst are reimbursed for certain housing and transportation expenses pursuant to their respective employment agreements. The Company determines the incremental cost of said expenses based on the out-of-pocket amounts paid for rent, utilities, and travel.

(5) Mr. Montini retired effective December 15, 2017.

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The following table summarizes grants of plan-based awards made to Named Executive Officers during our fiscal year ended March 3, 2018.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards(2)			All Other Stock Awards (#)(3)	All Other Option Awards (#)(4)	Exercise Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(5)
		Threshold 50% (\$)	Target 100% (\$)	Max 200% (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Max (#)				
John T. Standley	7/17/2017	1,220,550	2,441,100	4,882,200	495,338	1,320,900	3,302,250	1,320,900			5,640,243
Kermit Crawford(5)	10/2/2017	729,167	729,167	1,458,334				975,610	1,000,000	2.05	3,080,001
Darren W. Karst	7/17/2017	518,906	1,037,813	2,075,625	134,775	359,400	898,500	359,400			1,534,638
Bryan B. Everett	7/17/2017 9/06/2017	300,000	600,000	1,200,000	57,825	154,200	385,500	154,200 400,000			658,434 968,000
Jocelyn Z. Konrad	7/17/2017	168,750	337,500	675,000	50,175	133,800	334,500	133,800			571,326
Enio A. Montini, Jr.	7/17/2017	180,540	361,080	722,160	58,613	156,300	390,750	156,300			667,401

- (1) The first amount for each Named Executive Officer relates to the opportunity to earn an annual cash incentive bonus, as discussed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis under the caption "Cash Incentive Bonuses."
- (2) On July 17, 2017, each Named Executive Officer (other than Mr. Crawford) received a grant of performance based units that will be earned based upon the achievement of an Adjusted EBITDA goal for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Vesting for the performance units will occur, provided the performance target has been met, on February 29, 2020 (the end of the Company's fiscal year 2020), provided that the Named Executive Officer is continuously employed at the Company through the date of the earnings release for fiscal year 2020.
- (3) On July 17, 2017, the Named Executive Officers (other than Mr. Crawford) received a grant of restricted stock, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, under the caption "Components of Executive Compensation for Fiscal Year 2018 Restricted Stock," and on his October 2, 2017 start date, Mr. Crawford received 975,610 restricted shares. Mr. Everett also received an additional grant of restricted shares on September 6, 2017. These restricted shares will vest as follows based on continued employment:

Name	Restricted Shares (#)	Vesting Schedule
Mr. Standley	1,320,900	One-third on each of first three anniversaries of grant date
Mr. Crawford	975,610	One-third on each of first three anniversaries of grant date
Mr. Karst	359,400	One-third on each of first three anniversaries of grant date
Mr. Everett	554,200	One-third on each of first three anniversaries of grant date
Ms. Konrad	133,800	One-third on each of first three anniversaries of grant date
Mr. Montini	156,300	One-third on each of first three anniversaries of grant date

(4)

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On his October 2, 2017 start date, Mr. Crawford received 1,000,000 stock options that will vest in four equal annual installments.

(5)

Represents the grant date fair value, measured in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 of stock and option awards made in fiscal year 2018. Grant date fair values are calculated pursuant to assumptions set forth in Note 14 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC on April 26, 2018.



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**EXECUTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS**

Rite Aid has entered into employment agreements with each of the Named Executive Officers, the material terms of which are described below.

Mr. Standley serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer;

Mr. Crawford serves as President and Chief Operating Officer, a role he assumed October 2, 2017;

Mr. Karst serves as Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer;

Mr. Everett serves as Chief Operating Officer, Rite Aid Stores;

Ms. Konrad serves as Executive Vice President, Pharmacy; and

Mr. Montini served as Executive Vice President, Merchandising and Distribution from August 7, 2015 until his retirement effective December 15, 2017.

*Term for Active Officers.* Except for Messrs. Karst, Montini and Crawford, whose terms commenced on August 20, 2014, February 15, 2010 and October 2, 2017, respectively, the term of each executive's employment commenced on the effective date of his or her employment agreement, as follows: Mr. Standley, September 24, 2008 (as amended and restated as of January 21, 2010); Mr. Everett, June 22, 2015; and Ms. Konrad, August 3, 2015. Each employment agreement has an initial term of two years, other than in the case of Messrs. Standley and Crawford, whose agreements have an initial term of three years (each such period, the "Initial Term"). Each agreement will automatically renew for successive one-year terms (each, a "Renewal Term"), unless either the executive or Rite Aid provides the other with notice of nonrenewal at least 180 days (120 days with respect to Messrs. Crawford and Everett) prior to the expiration of the Initial Term or a Renewal Term, as applicable.

*Salary and Incentive Bonus.* The respective agreements provide each executive with a base salary and an incentive compensation target (which may be reviewed periodically for increase by the Compensation Committee).

*Inducement Awards.* In connection with the commencement of Mr. Crawford's employment, Mr. Crawford's employment agreement provides for grant on October 2, 2017 of \$2,000,000 of restricted stock units that vest 1/3 annually on the anniversary date of the grant over a period of three years, 1,000,000 nonqualified stock options to purchase shares of our common stock which vest 1/4 annually on the anniversary date of the grant over a period of four years and \$1,000,000 payable net of tax withholding within the first week of October 2, 2017.

*Other Benefits.* Pursuant to their employment agreements, each of the Named Executive Officers is also entitled to participate in Rite Aid's welfare benefits, fringe benefit and perquisite programs, and savings plans.

*Restrictive Covenants.* The employment agreement of each Named Executive Officer prohibits the officer from competing with Rite Aid during his or her employment period and for a period of one year thereafter.

*Termination and Change in Control Benefits.* The provisions of the employment agreements relating to termination of employment are described under the caption "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" below.

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The following table summarizes the number of securities underlying outstanding equity awards for the Named Executive Officers as of March 3, 2018:

Name	Date of Grant	Option Awards				Stock Awards			Equity Incentive Plan	
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)(1)(4)	Market Value of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)(3)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: # of Shares or Units That Have Not Vested (#)(1)	Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)(3)
John T. Standley	10/02/2008	168,800			0.89	10/2/2018				
	06/25/2009	580,600			1.24	06/25/2019				
	01/21/2010	2,555,000			1.52	01/21/2020				
	06/23/2010	1,428,600			1.07	06/23/2020				
	06/27/2011	2,361,585			1.24	06/27/2021				
	06/25/2012	1,403,500			1.24	06/27/2021				
	06/24/2013	1,379,300			1.32	06/25/2022				
	06/23/2014	936,300			2.76	06/24/2023				
	06/24/2015	508,875	169,625		7.08	06/23/2024				
	06/24/2015	284,650	284,650		8.68	06/24/2025	55,200	105,432		
	06/22/2016					06/22/2026	255,400	487,814	383,100(5)	731,721
07/17/2017					07/17/2027	1,320,900	2,522,919	1,320,900(6)	2,522,919	
Kermit Crawford	10/2/2017		1,000,000		2.05	10/2/2027	975,610	1,863,415		
Darren W. Karst	08/20/2014	155,850	51,950		6.43	08/20/2024				
	06/24/2015	78,200	78,200		8.68	06/24/2025	15,166	28,967		
	06/22/2016					06/22/2026	69,866	133,444	104,800(5)	200,168
	07/17/2017					07/17/2027	359,400	686,454	359,400(6)	686,454
Bryan B. Everett	06/24/2015	33,400	33,400		8.68	06/24/2025				
	06/22/2016					06/22/2026	29,866	57,044	44,800(5)	85,568
	07/17/2017					07/17/2027	154,200	294,522	154,200(6)	294,522
	09/6/2017					09/6/2027	400,000	764,000		
Jocelyn Z. Konrad	06/25/2009	6,000			1.24	06/25/2019				
	06/27/2011	33,100			1.24	06/27/2021				
	06/25/2012	33,800			1.32	06/25/2022				
	06/24/2013	13,500			2.76	06/24/2023				
	06/23/2014	4,950	1,650		7.08	06/23/2024				
	06/24/2015	5,800	5,800		8.68	06/24/2025				
	06/22/2016					06/22/2026	25,866	49,404	38,800(5)	74,108
07/17/2017					07/17/2027	133,800	255,558	133,800(6)	255,558	
Enio A. Montini, Jr.	06/25/2012	60,675			1.32	06/25/2022				
	06/24/2013	59,750			2.76	06/24/2023				
	06/23/2014	58,050			7.08	06/23/2024				
	06/24/2015	32,450			8.68	06/24/2025				
	06/22/2016					06/22/2026				
	07/17/2017					07/17/2027				

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- (1) Refer to "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" below for circumstances under which the terms of the vesting of equity awards would be accelerated.
  - (2) Stock options will generally vest in equal installments on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date, based on continued employment. With respect to the restricted stock awards listed above, one-third of the restricted shares will vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, based on continued employment.
  - (3) Determined with reference to \$1.91, the closing price of a share of Rite Aid common stock on the last trading day before March 3, 2018.
  - (4) Restricted shares will generally vest one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
  - (5) Performance units granted on June 22, 2016 will be earned based upon the achievement of an Adjusted EBITDA goal for fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Vesting for the performance units will occur, provided the performance target has been met, on March 2, 2019 (the end of the Company's fiscal year 2019), provided that the Named Executive Officer is continuously employed at the Company through the date of the earnings release for fiscal year 2019.
  - (6) Performance units granted on July 17, 2017 will be earned based upon the achievement of an Adjusted EBITDA goal for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Vesting for the performance units will occur, provided the performance target has been met, on February 29, 2020 (the end of the Company's fiscal year 2020), provided that the Named Executive Officer is continuously employed at the Company through the date of the earnings release for fiscal year 2020.
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The following table summarizes for each Named Executive Officer the stock option exercises and shares vested during fiscal year 2018:

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares	Value	Number of Shares	Value
	Acquired on Exercise (#)	Realized on Exercise (\$)	Acquired on Vesting (#)	Realized on Vesting (\$)
John T. Standley			1,401,907	3,486,329
Kermit Crawford				
Darren W. Karst			127,249	342,606
Bryan B. Everett			14,934	45,997
Jocelyn Z. Konrad			12,934	39,837
Enio A. Montini, Jr.			29,167	96,174

**NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

The following table sets forth the nonqualified deferred compensation activity for each Named Executive Officer during fiscal year 2018:

Name	Executive Contributions in Last FY (\$)	Registrant Contributions in Last FY (\$)(2)	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY (\$)(2)	Aggregate Withdrawals / Forfeitures	
				Aggregate Balance at Last FYE (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE (\$)
John T. Standley(1)		290,769	414,049		3,790,099
Kermit Crawford(1)		80,000	20,153		100,153
Darren W. Karst(1)		198,030	68,365		794,283
Bryan B. Everett(1)		135,675	25,565		342,580
Jocelyn Z. Konrad(1)		101,200	44,184		436,328
Enio A. Montini, Jr.(1)		114,949	141,623		1,204,196

(1) Amounts shown relate to a defined contribution supplemental executive retirement plan covering the Named Executive Officers. Please refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis under the caption "Post-Retirement Benefits" for a description of the material terms of this plan.

(2) Amounts shown were reported to the extent required in the "All Other Compensation" column of the Summary Compensation Table for fiscal year 2018.

**POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE IN CONTROL**

As discussed above under the caption "Executive Employment Agreements," the Company has entered into employment agreements with each of the Named Executive Officers. Upon written notice, the employment agreement of each of the Named Executive Officers is terminable by either Rite Aid or the individual officer seeking termination.

Pursuant to his employment agreement with the Company, if Mr. Standley is terminated by the Company without "cause," if he terminates his employment for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in his employment agreement) or if the Company provides a notice of nonrenewal at least 180 days prior to the expiration of his employment agreement, a "Company Nonrenewal," and such Company Nonrenewal occurs within six months of a change in control, then he will be entitled to receive:

a severance amount equal to two times the sum of his annual base salary and target bonus (one times the sum in the case of a Company Nonrenewal), a pro-rata bonus for the fiscal year



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of termination and any accrued but unpaid salary and benefits. The severance amount is payable in installments over the two-year period (one year upon a Company Nonrenewal) following the termination;

continued health benefits for two years following the termination (one year in the case of a Company Nonrenewal); and

all outstanding stock options will immediately vest and be exercisable, generally, for a period of one year following the termination of employment and the restrictions on the restricted common stock will immediately lapse to the extent the restrictions would have lapsed had he remained employed by Rite Aid for three years (one year in the case of a Company Nonrenewal) following the termination.

If Rite Aid terminates Mr. Standley for "cause," or he terminates his employment without "good reason":

Rite Aid shall pay Mr. Standley all accrued but unpaid salary and benefits;

any portion of any then-outstanding stock option grant that was not exercised prior to the date of termination will immediately terminate (provided that if he terminates his employment without good reason, any options that have vested and become exercisable prior to the date of termination will generally remain exercisable for a period of 90 days); and

any portion of any restricted stock award, or other equity incentive award, as to which the restrictions have not lapsed or as to which any other conditions were not satisfied prior to the date of termination will be forfeited.

If Mr. Standley's employment is terminated as a result of his death or "disability" (as such term is defined in his employment agreement), he (or his estate, as the case may be) will be entitled to receive all accrued but unpaid salary and benefits payable under death or disability benefit plans in which he participates, a pro-rata bonus (paid at the same time it is paid to other eligible participants in the bonus plan and based on actual achievement of performance targets for the fiscal year), continued health insurance (or reimbursement for the cost of such benefits) for two years for Mr. Standley and/or his or her immediate family, as applicable, vesting of all stock options and vesting of an amount of restricted stock that would have vested had he remained employed for three years following the date of termination.

Pursuant to their employment agreements with the Company, if either of Messrs. Karst and Crawford is terminated by Rite Aid without "cause" or if such officer's employment is terminated by the officer for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the applicable employment agreement), then the officer will be entitled to receive:

a severance amount equal to two times the sum of the annual base salary and target bonus, a pro-rata bonus for the fiscal year of termination and any accrued but unpaid salary and benefits. The severance amount is payable in installments over the two-year period following the termination;

continued health benefits for two years following the termination; and

all outstanding stock options will immediately vest and be exercisable, generally, for a period of 90 days following the termination of employment and the restrictions on the restricted common stock will immediately lapse to the extent the options would have vested and restrictions would have lapsed, in each case, had the officer remained employed by Rite Aid for two years following the termination.

Pursuant to their employment agreements with the Company, if Mr. Everett or Ms. Konrad is terminated by Rite Aid without "cause" or if such officer's employment is terminated by the officer for

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"good reason" (as such terms are defined in the applicable employment agreement), then the officer will be entitled to receive:

a severance amount equal to two times annual base salary as of the date of termination of employment, payable in installments over the two-year period following the termination;

continued health benefits for two years following the termination; and

all outstanding stock options will immediately vest and be exercisable, generally, for a period of 90 days following the termination of employment and the restrictions on the restricted common stock will immediately lapse, each to the extent the options would have vested and restrictions would have lapsed, in each case, had the officer remained employed by Rite Aid for two years following the termination.

In addition, Mr. Everett's and Ms. Konrad's employment agreements provide that if termination occurs following the start of Rite Aid's fiscal year and if the Board of Directors determines that Rite Aid achieved or exceeded its annual performance targets for the fiscal year, Mr. Everett and Ms. Konrad are entitled to an amount equal to their target annual bonus, pro-rated to reflect the number of days in the fiscal year prior to the termination.

If Rite Aid terminates any of the Named Executive Officers for "cause," or if any of the Named Executive Officers terminates his or her employment without "good reason" (with the exception of Mr. Standley, whose termination provisions are described above):

Rite Aid shall pay the officer all accrued but unpaid salary and benefits;

any portion of any then-outstanding stock option grant that was not exercised prior to the date of termination will immediately terminate (provided that if the officer terminates his or her employment without good reason, any options that have vested and become exercisable prior to the date of termination will generally remain exercisable for a period of 90 days); and

any portion of any restricted stock award, or other equity incentive award, as to which the restrictions have not lapsed or as to which any other conditions were not satisfied prior to the date of termination will be forfeited.

If the employment of any of the Named Executive Officers (other than Mr. Standley whose benefits upon such termination are described above) is terminated as a result of death or "disability" (as such term is defined in each employment agreement), the officer will be entitled to receive all accrued but unpaid salary and benefits payable under death or disability benefit plans in which the officer participates, continued health insurance (or reimbursement for the cost of such benefits) for two years for the officer and/or his or her immediate family, as applicable, vesting of all stock options and vesting of an amount of restricted stock that would have vested had the officer remained employed for two years following the date of termination. Messrs. Karst and Crawford will also be entitled to receive a pro-rata bonus, based on actual achievement of performance targets for the fiscal year, that is paid at the same time that it is paid to other eligible participants in the bonus plan.

Upon the termination of employment of any of the Named Executive Officers, the officer would generally become entitled to receive a distribution of his or her vested account balance under the nonqualified deferred compensation plans maintained by the Company. Pursuant to applicable tax regulations, any such distributions will generally be delayed for a period of six months following the Named Executive Officer's separation from service. The account balance of each Named Executive Officer is shown in the "Nonqualified Deferred Compensation for Fiscal Year 2018" table above.

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*Change in Control Arrangements.*

*Under Employment Agreements.* Under Mr. Standley's employment agreement, upon a change in control, all of his stock options awarded pursuant to his employment agreement and all stock options awarded pursuant to the Company's executive equity program then held by him will immediately vest and become exercisable. Severance benefits would not be triggered pursuant to a change in control unless it is followed by Mr. Standley's termination of employment under the circumstances described above. Similarly, severance benefits would not be triggered pursuant to a change in control unless it is followed by Mr. Karst's, Mr. Crawford's, Mr. Everett's or Ms. Konrad's termination of employment, respectively, under the circumstances described above.

For purposes of the employment agreements with the Named Executive Officers, where applicable, the term "change in control" generally means an acquisition of 35% or more of the Company's combined voting power; the incumbent directors (generally including current directors and future directors whose election or nomination is approved by the Board) ceasing to constitute a majority of the Board; the consummation of a merger or similar transaction, other than (i) such a transaction in which the voting securities outstanding immediately prior to such transaction continue to represent at least 60% of the voting power of the Company immediately after the transaction or (ii) a recapitalization or similar transaction in which no person becomes the beneficial owner of 35% or more of the Company's combined voting power; or the stockholders approve a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Mr. Standley's employment agreement provides that he will receive an additional payment to reimburse him for any excise taxes imposed pursuant to Section 4999 of the Code, together with reimbursement for any additional taxes incurred by reason of such payments. The employment agreements with Messrs. Karst, Crawford, Montini and Everett and Ms. Konrad provide that any portion of any payment that is subject to tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code will be reduced to the extent necessary so that the Named Executive Officer would retain a greater amount on an after-tax basis than had the excise tax been imposed on the unreduced amount of the payments.

*Under Rite Aid's Equity Program.* Pursuant to the terms of the Company's equity program, unless otherwise provided in a Named Executive Officer's employment agreement or individual award agreement, if outstanding equity awards are assumed or substituted in connection with a change in control, the change in control will not cause the vesting of such awards to accelerate unless the change in control is followed by a qualifying termination of employment within the 24-month period following the change in control. All outstanding equity awards granted pursuant to the Company's equity program that are not assumed or substituted in connection with a change in control will become fully vested and exercisable, free of applicable restrictions, and all performance criteria will be deemed to have been achieved at target levels, upon the occurrence of the change in control.

For purposes of Rite Aid's equity program, a "change in control" means, in general: (i) a person or entity acquires securities of Rite Aid representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of Rite Aid; (ii) an unapproved change in the majority membership of the Board; (iii) consummation of a merger or consolidation of Rite Aid or any subsidiary of Rite Aid, other than a merger or consolidation that results in the Rite Aid voting securities continuing to represent at least 60% of the combined voting power of the surviving entity or its parent, or a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization or similar transaction involving Rite Aid in which no person or entity acquires at least 35% of the combined voting power of Rite Aid; or (iv) stockholder approval of a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of Rite Aid or the consummation of an agreement for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of Rite Aid's assets, other than a sale or disposition to an entity, at least 60% of the combined voting power of which is owned by Rite Aid stockholders in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of Rite Aid immediately prior to such sale. For more information regarding the equity program, refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis under the caption "Long-Term Incentive Program."



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*Under Rite Aid's Supplemental Retirement Plan.* The unvested account balance of the supplemental executive retirement plan in which the Named Executive Officers participate will vest upon a change in control of the Company as defined in the supplemental executive retirement plan, only if such Named Executive Officer is involuntarily terminated without cause within 12 months of the change in control. For more information regarding the supplemental executive retirement plan, refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis under the caption "Post-Retirement Benefits."

*Under Retention Award Agreements.* Under each Named Executive Officer's outstanding retention agreement with the Company, the Named Executive Officer will be entitled to receive any unpaid portion of the retention award if the executive's employment is terminated prior to the scheduled vesting date by the Company without "cause," or by the Named Executive Officer for "good reason" (as such terms are defined in the applicable employment agreement), payable in a lump sum within five (5) business days following such termination. Due to the termination of the Merger Agreement on August 8, 2018, Mr. Standley was paid the retention amount to which he was entitled under his retention agreement. For more information regarding the retention awards, refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis under the caption "Retention Efforts in Fiscal Year 2018."

*Quantification of Payments Described.* The termination and change in control payments that would have been made to the Named Executive Officers had their employment been terminated as of March 3, 2018 under the circumstances described in the tables below are quantified in the tables below. Due to Mr. Montini's retirement on December 15, 2017, Mr. Montini has no potential payments upon termination and did not receive any severance payments upon his retirement. As discussed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis under the caption "Cash Incentive Bonuses" and shown in the Summary Compensation Table, Mr. Montini received a portion of his annual incentive based on the earned amount for the fiscal year pro-rated for the number of accounting periods (full months in the fiscal year) elapsed before his retirement.

<b>John T. Standley</b>	<b>Death (\$)</b>	<b>Disability (\$)</b>	<b>Termination Without Cause or Quit for Good Reason (\$)(a)</b>	<b>Termination Without Cause or Quit for Good Reason Following a Change in Control (\$)(a)</b>
2 × Base Salary	N/A	N/A	2,441,100	2,441,100
2 × Bonus	N/A	N/A	4,882,200	4,882,200
Pro-Rated Incentive Bonus for Past Fiscal Year	1,825,943	1,825,943	1,825,943	1,825,943
Benefits	29,828	29,828	29,828	29,828
SERP Vesting	745,539	745,539	745,539	745,539
Vesting of Equity(1)	5,529,832	5,529,832	5,529,832	6,370,805(2)
280G Gross Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Retention Award Vesting(3)	N/A	N/A	3,000,000	3,000,000

(a)

As discussed above, in the event of a Company Nonrenewal, Mr. Standley's termination payments are as follows: (i) severance is equal to 1x base salary and bonus, plus a pro-rated incentive bonus; (ii) health benefits will continue for one year; (iii) the unvested account balance in his SERP will vest; and (iv) options will vest and become exercisable and the restrictions with respect to awards of restricted stock will lapse to the extent such restrictions would have lapsed had Mr. Standley remained employed for one year. If a Company Nonrenewal occurs within six months of a change

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in control, the severance formula is the same as termination by the Company without Cause or by Mr. Standley for Good Reason, as reflected in the table.

	Death (\$)	Disability (\$)	Termination Without Cause or Quit for Good Reason (\$)	Termination Without Cause or Quit for Good Reason Following a Change in Control (\$)
<b>Kermit Crawford</b>				
2 × Base Salary	N/A	N/A	2,000,000	2,000,000
2 × Bonus	N/A	N/A	3,500,000	3,500,000
Pro-Rated Incentive Bonus for Past Fiscal Year				
Benefits	20,104	20,104	20,104	20,104
SERP Vesting	92,133	92,133	92,133	92,133
Vesting of Equity(1)	1,242,277	1,242,277	1,242,277	1,863,415(2)
280G Gross Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention Award Vesting			\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
	Death (\$)	Disability (\$)	Termination Without Cause or Quit for Good Reason (\$)	Termination Without Cause or Quit for Good Reason Following a Change in Control (\$)
<b>Darren W. Karst</b>				
2 × Base Salary	N/A	N/A	1,619,500	1,619,500
2 × Bonus	N/A	N/A	2,024,376	2,024,376
Pro-Rated Incentive Bonus for Past Fiscal Year				
Benefits	776,284	776,284	776,284	776,284
SERP Vesting	21,256	21,256	21,256	21,256
Vesting of Equity(1)	461,234	461,234	461,234	461,234
Vesting of Equity(1)	1,506,669	1,506,669	1,506,669	1,735,487(2)
280G Gross Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention Award Vesting(4)			\$ 830,250	\$ 830,250
	Death (\$)	Disability (\$)	Termination Without Cause or Quit for Good Reason (\$)	Termination Without Cause or Quit for Good Reason Following a Change in Control (\$)
<b>Bryan B. Everett</b>				
2 × Base Salary	N/A	N/A	1,200,000	1,200,000
2 × Bonus	N/A	N/A	1,200,000	1,200,000
Pro-Rated Incentive Bonus for Past Fiscal Year				
Benefits	392,700	392,700	392,700	392,700
SERP Vesting	28,493	28,493	28,493	28,493
Vesting of Equity(1)	236,855	236,855	236,855	236,855
Vesting of Equity(1)	1,142,816	1,142,816	1,142,816	1,445,232(2)
280G Gross Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention Award Vesting(4)			\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000

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Jocelyn Z. Konrad	Death (\$)	Disability (\$)	Termination Without Cause or Quit for Good Reason (\$)	Termination Without Cause or Quit for Good Reason Following a Change in Control (\$)
2 × Base Salary	N/A	N/A	900,000	900,000
2 × Bonus	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pro-Rated Incentive Bonus for Past Fiscal Year	252,450	252,450	252,450	252,450
Benefits	27,994	27,994	27,994	27,994
SERP Vesting	218,667	218,667	218,667	218,667
Vesting of Equity(1)	549,442	549,442	549,442	634,628(2)
280G Gross Up	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention Award Vesting(4)			\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000

- (1) Includes the value of equity awards and performance awards held by the officer that would become vested under the applicable circumstances. The value of stock options shown is based on the excess of \$1.91, the closing price of a share of Rite Aid common stock on the last trading day before March 3, 2018, over the exercise price of such options, multiplied by the number of unvested stock options held by the officer that would become vested under the applicable circumstances. The value of restricted stock and performance awards that are settled in stock shown is determined by multiplying \$1.91, the closing price of a share of Rite Aid common stock on the last trading day before March 3, 2018 and the number of shares of restricted stock and the number of performance awards that are settled in stock held by the officer that would become vested under the applicable circumstances.
- (2) The value would also apply upon a change in control under the assumption that outstanding equity awards are not assumed or substituted in the change in control transaction, resulting in full vesting upon the change in control, as described above in the "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control Change in Control Arrangements" narrative.
- (3) Represents the retention amount to which Mr. Standley was entitled under his retention agreement. The retention agreement is no longer outstanding.
- (4) On August 1, 2018, the named executive officer was paid fifty percent of the amount of his or her aggregate retention award pursuant to the terms of the retention agreement.

**PAY RATIO DISCLOSURE**

As required by Section 953(b) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act, we are providing the following information about the relationship of the annual total compensation of our employees other than our Chief Executive Officer (our "CEO") and the annual total compensation of our CEO. This pay ratio is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with SEC rules based on our payroll and employment records and the methodology described below. Of our total employee base of 53,594 associates employed as of March 3, 2018, we determined that the 2018 annual total compensation of the median employee, other than our CEO, was \$32,471 and our CEO's 2018 annual total compensation was \$9,333,530. The ratio of these amounts is 287:1.

To identify the median employee among our associates other than the CEO, we used wages taxable for federal medical health insurance purposes for the period from March 5, 2017 through March 3, 2018, with such amounts annualized for those permanent employees who were hired during the year. After identifying the median employee (who is a cashier), we calculated annual total compensation for such employee using the same methodology we use to determine Mr. Standley's annual total

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compensation in the Summary Compensation Table for Fiscal Year 2018, with the following exception. We took into account the compensation provided under non-discriminatory health and welfare plans by including actual contributions to a union-sponsored Health Fund for the median employee. As required by SEC rules, in calculating the annual total compensation for Mr. Standley, we also took into account the actuarial value of the health and welfare benefits for salaried employees that are self-insured by the Company, which value is not included in the Summary Compensation Table total for Mr. Standley for fiscal year 2018, in accordance with SEC rules regarding the disclosure of compensation under broad-based plans.

The SEC rules for identifying the median employee and calculating the pay ratio based on that employee's annual total compensation allow companies to adopt a variety of methodologies, to apply certain exclusions, and to make reasonable estimates and assumptions that reflect their compensation practices. As such, the pay ratio reported by other companies may not be comparable to the pay ratio reported above, as other companies may have different employment and compensation practices and may utilize different methodologies, exclusions, estimates, and assumptions in calculating their own pay ratios.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter of the Audit Committee which further describes the role of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee, among other things, appoints and engages our independent registered public accounting firm and oversees our financial reporting and internal control over financial reporting processes on behalf of the Board. Management has the primary responsibility for our financial statements, our accounting principles and our internal control over financial reporting. Our independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for auditing our financial statements and expressing an opinion as to their conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Our independent registered public accounting firm also is responsible for expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting.

In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee met eight times during fiscal year 2018.

During those meetings the Audit Committee:

Met with our internal auditors and independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present, to discuss the overall scope and plans for their respective audits, the results of their examinations, their evaluations of our internal control over financial reporting and the overall quality of our financial reporting.

Reviewed and discussed with management and our independent registered public accounting firm, for their respective purposes, the audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2018. The discussions included the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements and the Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2018.

Reviewed the unaudited interim financial statements and Forms 10-Q prepared each quarter by the Company.

Received management representations that the Company's financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Reviewed and updated the Audit Committee charter.

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Reviewed and discussed with our independent registered public accounting firm those matters required to be communicated by the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB"), as well as critical accounting policies and practices, alternative accounting treatments, and other material written communications between management and our independent registered public accounting firm, as required by Rule 2-07 of Regulation S-X under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Discussed with our independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 1301, *Communications with Audit Committees*, as adopted by the PCAOB.

Discussed with our independent registered public accounting firm matters relating to their independence and received the written disclosures and the letter from our independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence. The Audit Committee has considered whether the level of non-audit related services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm is consistent with maintaining their independence.

Pre-approved audit, other audit-related and tax services performed by our independent registered public accounting firm.

In addition to pre-approving the audit and other audit-related and tax services performed by our independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee requests fee estimates associated with each proposed service. Providing a fee estimate for a service incorporates appropriate oversight and control of the independent registered public accounting firm relationship. On a quarterly basis, the Audit Committee reviews the status of services and fees incurred year-to-date against pre-approved services and fee estimates.

As outlined in the table below, we incurred the following fees, including expenses billed to the Company for the fiscal years ended March 3, 2018 and March 4, 2017 by our independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, and their respective affiliates.

Description of Fees	Year Ended	
	March 3, 2018	March 4, 2017
(Amounts in millions)		
<b>Audit Fees</b> , including audit of annual financial statements and reviews of interim financial statements, registration statement filings and comfort letters related to various refinancing activities	\$ 3.4	\$ 3.3
<b>Audit-Related Fees</b> , acquisition-related due diligence procedures and audits of employee benefit plans' financial statements	\$ 1.0	\$ 0.2
<b>Tax Fees</b> , tax compliance advice and planning	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.0
<b>All Other Fees</b>	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0
<b>Total</b>	\$ 4.5	\$ 3.5

Based on the review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 3, 2018 for filing with the SEC.

David R. Jessick, Chair  
Kevin E. Lofton  
Michael N. Regan

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The following table provides information as of March 3, 2018, with respect to the compensation plans under which our common stock may be issued:

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (b)	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	30,737,998	\$ 2.57	37,277,257
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders(1)			
<b>Total(2)</b>	<b>30,737,998</b>	<b>\$ 2.57</b>	<b>37,277,257</b>

(1) These plans include the Company's 1999 Plan, under which 10,000,000 shares of common stock are authorized for the grant of stock options at the discretion of the Compensation Committee, and the 2001 Plan, under which 20,000,000 shares of common stock are authorized for the grant of stock options, also at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. Both plans provide for the Compensation Committee to determine both when and in what manner options may be exercised; however, option terms may not extend for more than 10 years from the applicable date of grant. The plans provide that stock options may only be granted with exercise prices that are not less than the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of grant. No securities remain available for future issuance under either the 1999 Plan or the 2001 Plan.

(2) On a fully diluted basis, which reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock, the number of shares outstanding was 1,067,318,544.

Of the 37,277,257 shares remaining, there are 25,708,453 shares available for the grant of awards other than stock options or stock appreciation rights.

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**SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires Rite Aid's executive officers, directors and persons who own more than 10% of Rite Aid common stock to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC and the NYSE. Such persons are required by SEC regulations to furnish Rite Aid with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on a review of the copies of such forms furnished to Rite Aid, we have determined that during fiscal year 2018, no persons subject to Section 16(a) reporting submitted late filings, except that one Form 4 was filed late for each of Mr. Abelman, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bodaken, Mr. Donley, Mr. Everett, Mr. Jessick, Mr. Karst, Ms. Konrad, Mr. Lofton, Mr. Martindale, Mr. Montini, Ms. Potter, Mr. Regan, Mr. Savage, Mr. Standley and Ms. Syms, due to an administrative error by the Company in connection with the grant of the July 17, 2017 annual equity awards under the 2014 Plan.

Table of Contents**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth, as of August 31, 2018 (except as otherwise noted), certain information concerning the beneficial ownership of (a) each director and nominee for director, (b) each of our "Named Executive Officers" (as such term is defined in Item 402(a)(3) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act), (c) each holder known to us to beneficially own more than 5% of our common stock and (d) all directors and executive officers as a group (based on 1,066,049,971 shares of common stock outstanding as of August 31, 2018). Each of the persons named below has sole voting power and sole investment power with respect to the shares set forth opposite his or her name, except as otherwise noted.

Beneficial Owners	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned(1)	Percentage of Class
<i>Named Executive Officers and Directors:</i>		
David Abelman	280,503(2)	*
Joseph B. Anderson, Jr.	395,288(3)	*
Bruce G. Bodaken	129,276(4)	*
Kermit Crawford	975,610	*
Bryan B. Everett	640,170(5)	*
David R. Jessick	853,598(6)	*
Darren W. Karst	987,665(7)	*
Robert E. Knowling, Jr.	0	*
Jocelyn Z. Konrad	292,892(8)	*
Kevin E. Lofton	114,074(9)	*
Louis P. Miramontes	0	*
Enio A. Montini	657,822(10)	*
Arun Nayar	0	*
Myrtle Potter	78,790(11)	*
Michael N. Regan	395,288(12)	*
Frank A. Savage	69,367(13)	*
John T. Standley	16,237,678(14)	1.52%
Marcy Syms	395,288(15)	*
<i>All Executive Officers and Directors (16 persons)</i>	<i>22,322,236(16)</i>	<i>2.09%</i>
<i>5% Stockholders:</i>		
The Vanguard Group 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355	87,936,346(17)	8.24%

\* Percentage less than 1% of class.

- (1) Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, thereby including options exercisable within 60 days of August 31, 2018.
- (2) This amount includes 43,225 shares which may be acquired within 60 days by exercising stock options.
- (3) This amount includes 355,288 restricted stock units that have vested or will vest before October 30, 2018 at which time said units will be payable in shares of common stock when Mr. Anderson leaves the Board.
- (4) This amount represents 31,250 restricted stock units that have vested or will vest before October 30, 2018 at which time said units will be payable in shares of common stock when Mr. Bodaken leaves the Board.





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- (5) This amount includes 50,100 shares which may be acquired within 60 days by exercising stock options.
- (6) This amount includes 355,288 restricted stock units that have vested or will vest before October 30, 2018 at which time said units will be payable in shares of common stock when Mr. Jessick leaves the Board.
- (7) This amount includes 325,100 shares which may be acquired within 60 days by exercising stock options.
- (8) This amount includes 101,700 shares which may be acquired within 60 days by exercising stock options.
- (9) This amount represents 11,048 restricted stock units that will vest before October 30, 2018 at which time said units will be payable in shares of common stock when Mr. Lofton leaves the Board.
- (10) This amount includes 210,925 shares which may be acquired within 60 days by exercising stock options.
- (11) This amount represents 8,953 restricted stock units that will vest before October 30, 2018 at which time said units will be payable in shares of common stock when Ms. Potter leaves the Board.
- (12) This amount includes 355,288 restricted stock units that have vested or will vest before October 30, 2018 at which time said units will be payable in shares of common stock when Mr. Regan leaves the Board.
- (13) This amount includes 69,367 restricted stock units that have vested or will vest before October 30, 2018 at which time said units will be payable in shares of common stock when Mr. Savage leaves the Board.
- (14) This amount includes 11,919,160 shares which may be acquired within 60 days by exercising stock options.
- (15) This amount includes 355,288 restricted stock units that have vested or will vest before October 30, 2018 at which time said units will be payable in shares of common stock when Ms. Syms leaves the Board.
- (16) This amount includes 12,682,785 shares which may be acquired within sixty (60) days by exercising stock options by all directors and executive officers and 1,541,770 restricted stock units that have vested and will be payable in shares of common stock when the directors leave the Rite Aid board of directors.
- (17) This information is as of December 31, 2017 and based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed by The Vanguard Group with the SEC on February 12, 2018.

**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

**Review and Approval of Related Person Transactions**

We have adopted a written policy concerning the review, approval or ratification of transactions with related persons. The Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for review, approval or ratification of "related person transactions" between the Company or its subsidiaries and related persons. Under SEC rules, a related person is, or any time since the beginning of the last fiscal year was, a director, an executive officer, a nominee for director, a more than 5% stockholder of the Company or an immediate family member (as defined under applicable SEC rules) of any of the foregoing. A related person transaction is any transaction, arrangement or relationship (or any series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships) in which the Company or a subsidiary is a



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participant, the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and a related person had, has or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Directors, executive officers and nominees must complete an annual questionnaire and disclose all potential related person transactions involving themselves and their immediate family members that are known to them. Throughout the year, directors and executive officers must notify the Corporate Secretary and Chief Accounting Officer of any potential related person transactions as soon as they become aware of any such transaction. The Corporate Secretary and Chief Accounting Officer inform the Nominating and Governance Committee of any related person transaction of which they are aware. The Corporate Secretary and Chief Accounting Officer are responsible for conducting a preliminary analysis and review of potential related person transactions and presentation to the Nominating and Governance Committee for review, including provision of additional information to enable proper consideration by the Nominating and Governance Committee. As necessary, the Nominating and Governance Committee shall review approved related person transactions on a periodic basis throughout the duration of the transaction to ensure that the transactions remain in the best interests of the Company. The Nominating and Governance Committee may, in its discretion, engage outside counsel to review certain related person transactions. In addition, the Nominating and Governance Committee may request that the full Board of Directors consider the approval or ratification of related person transactions if the Nominating and Governance Committee deems it advisable. A copy of our full policy concerning transactions with related persons is available on the Governance section of our website at [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com) under the headings "Corporate Info Governance Related Person Transactions."

**Related Person Transactions**

Matthew Schroeder's brother is a partner in the law firm of Littler Mendelson P.C. The Company paid the law firm approximately \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2018 for employment and labor legal services. These legal services are provided to Rite Aid on an arm's length basis. Mr. Schroeder has never had any role or involvement in the supervision of these services provided to Rite Aid or in any decisions regarding the retention of Littler Mendelson. The Company's relationship with Littler Mendelson pre-dates Mr. Schroeder becoming an executive officer of Rite Aid. The Nominating and Governance Committee has reviewed the Company's ongoing relationship with Littler Mendelson to ensure that it remains in the best interests of the Company.

**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION**

The Compensation Committee currently consists of Marcy Syms (Chair), Bruce G. Bodaken and Michael N. Regan. During fiscal year 2018, no member of the Compensation Committee was an employee or former employee or executive officer of the Company.

**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR  
THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

Any stockholder desiring to present a proposal for inclusion in Rite Aid's proxy statement for the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must deliver the proposal to the Secretary at the address below not later than May 30, 2019. However, if the date of our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is changed by more than 30 days from the date of the previous year's meeting, then Rite Aid will disclose the new deadline in a document filed with the SEC. Only those proposals that comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act will be included in Rite Aid's proxy statement for the 2019 Annual Meeting. In order for proposals of stockholders made outside of Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act to be considered "timely" within the meaning of Rule 14a-4(c) under the Exchange Act, such proposals must be received by the Secretary at the address below by August 1, 2019 (subject to the discussion below).

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Stockholders may present proposals that are proper subjects for consideration at an annual meeting, even if the proposal is not submitted by the deadline for inclusion in the proxy statement. To do so, the stockholder must comply with the procedures specified in Rite Aid's By-Laws. The By-Laws, which are available upon request from the Secretary, require all stockholders who intend to make proposals at an annual meeting of stockholders to submit their proposals to the Secretary not fewer than 90 and not more than 120 days before the anniversary date of the previous year's annual meeting of stockholders. The By-Laws also provide that nominations for director may only be made by the Board of Directors (or an authorized Board committee) or, unless made under the proxy access provisions of the By-Laws described below, by a stockholder of record entitled to vote who sends notice to the Secretary not fewer than 90 nor more than 120 days before the anniversary date of the previous year's annual meeting of stockholders. Any such nomination by a stockholder must comply with the procedures specified in Rite Aid's By-Laws. To be eligible for consideration at the 2019 Annual Meeting, proposals which have not been submitted by the deadline for inclusion in the proxy statement and any nominations for director other than those under the proxy access provisions of the By-Laws must be received by the Secretary between July 2, 2019 and August 1, 2019. This advance notice period is intended to allow all stockholders an opportunity to consider all business and nominees expected to be considered at the meeting. However, if the Company holds its annual meeting on a date that is not within 25 days before or after the anniversary date of the previous year's annual meeting of stockholders, the Company must receive the notice no later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting was made, whichever first occurs.

In addition, Rite Aid's By-Laws provide that, under certain circumstances, a stockholder or group of stockholders may include director candidates that they have nominated in our annual meeting proxy materials. The proxy access provisions of the By-Laws provide, among other things, that a stockholder or group of up to 20 stockholders seeking to include director candidates in our annual meeting proxy materials must own 3% or more of Rite Aid's outstanding common stock continuously for at least the previous three years. The number of stockholder-nominated candidates appearing in any annual meeting proxy statement cannot exceed 20% of the number of directors then serving on the Board. If the 20% calculation does not result in a whole number, the maximum number of stockholder nominees included in our proxy statement would be the closest whole number below 20%. If the number of stockholder-nominated candidates exceeds 20%, each nominating stockholder or group of stockholders may select one nominee for inclusion in our proxy materials until the maximum number is reached. The order of selection would be determined by the amount (largest to smallest) of shares of Rite Aid common stock held by each nominating stockholder or group of stockholders. The nominating stockholder or group of stockholders also must deliver the information required by Rite Aid's By-Laws and comply with the procedures specified therein, and each nominee must meet the qualifications required by the By-Laws. Requests to include stockholder-nominated candidates in our proxy materials for the 2019 Annual Meeting must be received by the Secretary no earlier than April 30, 2019 and no later than May 30, 2019.

The Company expects to schedule the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders more than 30 days prior to the anniversary of the 2018 Annual Meeting and expects to announce updated deadlines for stockholder proposals and nominations for the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders in due course.

All submissions to the Secretary should be made to:

Rite Aid Corporation  
30 Hunter Lane  
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011  
Attention: James J. Comitale, Secretary

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**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

In accordance with SEC rules, notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of our previous or future filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, that might incorporate this proxy statement or future filings made by Rite Aid under those statutes, the information included under the caption "Compensation Committee Report" and those portions of the information included under the caption "Audit Committee Report" required by the SEC's rules to be included therein, shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or "filed" with the SEC and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any of those prior filings or into any future filings made by Rite Aid under those statutes, except to the extent we specifically incorporate these items by reference.

**OTHER MATTERS**

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters that have been submitted for consideration at the Annual Meeting other than those referred to in this proxy statement and the possible submission of the Weiss Proposal, discussed below, which is not included in this proxy statement, but may be presented by Lisa Weiss or her proxy at the Annual Meeting. If the Weiss Proposal is presented at the Annual Meeting, the persons named on the enclosed proxy (the "proxy holders") will have discretionary authority pursuant to Rule 14a-4(c) under the Exchange Act with respect to the Weiss Proposal and intend to exercise such discretion to vote "AGAINST" the proposal. If any other matters come before stockholders at the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders intend to vote the shares they represent in accordance with their best judgment.

Lisa Weiss has advised the Company that her proxy plans to present a proposal (the "Weiss Proposal") at the Annual Meeting, requesting that the Company (1) divest and spin off 80% of its EnvisionRx subsidiary as a separately traded public company, (2) transfer up to one third of its outstanding corporate debt to the spun-off EnvisionRx and (3) distribute a special dividend to existing stockholders. The Weiss Proposal was not submitted under Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act and Ms. Weiss did not seek to have the Weiss Proposal included in this proxy statement. If presented at the Annual Meeting, the adoption of the Weiss Proposal, like the other stockholder proposals that are on the Company's agenda for the Annual Meeting, would require the approval of the affirmative vote of a majority of shares represented at the meeting and entitled to vote.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING DELIVERY  
OF STOCKHOLDER DOCUMENTS**

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries such as brokers to satisfy proxy material delivery requirements with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single proxy statement addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is referred to as "householding," potentially provides extra convenience for stockholders and reduces printing and postage costs for companies.

Rite Aid and some brokers utilize the householding process for proxy materials. In accordance with a notice sent to certain stockholders who share a single address, only one copy of this proxy statement is being sent to that address, unless we received contrary instructions from any stockholder at that address. Stockholders who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards. Householding will continue until you are notified otherwise or until one or more stockholders at your address revokes consent. If you revoke consent, you will be removed from the householding program within 30 days of receipt of the revocation. If you hold your Rite Aid stock in "street name," additional information regarding householding of proxy materials should be forwarded to you by your broker.

However, if you wish to receive a separate copy of this proxy statement, we will promptly deliver one to you upon request. You can notify us by sending a written request to Rite Aid Corporation,

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30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011, Attention: James J. Comitale, Secretary, or by calling the Secretary at (717) 761-2633. In addition, if you would like to receive separate proxy statements and annual reports of Rite Aid in the future, or if you are receiving multiple copies of annual reports and proxy statements at an address shared with another stockholder and would like to participate in householding, please notify your broker if your shares are held in a brokerage account or us if you hold registered shares.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

A copy of Rite Aid's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year 2018 is being mailed together with this proxy statement to all stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. **A copy of our Annual Report, including the financial statements included therein, is also available without charge by visiting the Company's website or upon written request to Rite Aid Corporation, 30 Hunter Lane, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011, Attention: James J. Comitale, Secretary.**

Table of Contents**APPENDIX A****ADJUSTED EBITDA, ADJUSTED NET INCOME (LOSS), ADJUSTED NET INCOME (LOSS) PER DILUTED SHARE AND OTHER NON-GAAP MEASURES**

We use certain non-GAAP measures, such as "Adjusted EBITDA," in assessing our operating performance. We believe the non-GAAP metrics serve as an appropriate measure in evaluating the performance of our business. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) excluding the impact of income taxes, interest expense, depreciation and amortization, LIFO adjustments, charges or credits for facility closing and impairment, goodwill impairment, inventory write-downs related to store closings, debt retirements, the WBA merger termination fee, and other items (including stock-based compensation expense, merger and acquisition-related costs, severance and costs related to distribution center closures, gain or loss on sale of assets, and revenue deferrals related to our customer loyalty program). We reference this particular non-GAAP financial measure frequently in our decision-making because it provides supplemental information that facilitates internal comparisons to the historical periods and external comparisons to competitors. In addition, incentive compensation is primarily based on Adjusted EBITDA and we base certain of our forward-looking estimates on Adjusted EBITDA to facilitate quantification of planned business activities and enhance subsequent follow-up with comparisons of actual to planned Adjusted EBITDA.

The following is a reconciliation of our net (loss) income to Adjusted EBITDA for fiscal 2018, 2017 and 2016:

	<b>March 3, 2018 (52 weeks)</b>	<b>March 4, 2017 (53 weeks)</b>	<b>February 27, 2016 (52 weeks)</b>
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Net (loss) income continuing operations	\$ (349,532)	\$ 4,080	\$ 102,088
Interest expense	202,768	200,065	186,132
Income tax expense	305,987	44,438	49,512
Depreciation and amortization expense	386,057	407,366	361,134
LIFO (credit) charge	(28,827)	(3,721)	7,892
Lease termination and impairment charges	58,765	45,778	40,477
Goodwill impairment	261,727		
Loss on debt retirements, net			33,205
WBA merger termination fee	(325,000)		
Other	47,949	42,045	68,827
<b>Adjusted EBITDA continuing operations</b>	<b>\$ 559,894</b>	<b>\$ 740,051</b>	<b>\$ 849,267</b>

The following is a reconciliation of our net (loss) income to Adjusted Net (Loss) Income and Adjusted Net (Loss) Income per Diluted Share for fiscal 2018, 2017, and 2016. Adjusted Net (Loss) Income is defined as net (loss) income excluding the impact of amortization of EnvisionRx intangible assets, merger and acquisition-related costs, loss on debt retirements, LIFO adjustments, goodwill impairment, and the WBA merger termination fee. We calculate Adjusted Net (Loss) Income per Diluted Share using our above-referenced definition of Adjusted Net (Loss) Income. We believe Adjusted Net (Loss) Income and Adjusted Net (Loss) Income per Diluted Share serve as appropriate



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measures to be used in evaluating the performance of our business and help our investors better compare our operating performance over multiple periods.

	March 3, 2018 (52 weeks)	March 4, 2017 (53 weeks)	February 27, 2016 (52 weeks)
(Dollars in thousands)			
Net (loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (349,532)	\$ 4,080	\$ 102,088
Add back Income tax expense	305,987	44,438	49,512
Income before income taxes continuing operations	(43,545)	48,518	151,600
Adjustments:			
Amortization of EnvisionRx intangible assets	78,554	83,022	55,527
LIFO (credit) charge	(28,827)	(3,721)	7,892
Goodwill impairment	261,727		
Loss on debt retirements, net			33,205
Merger and Acquisition-related costs	24,283	14,066	27,482
WBA merger termination fee	(325,000)		
Adjusted (loss) income before income taxes continuing operations	(32,808)	141,885	275,706
Adjusted income tax (benefit) expense(a)	(12,570)	57,344	111,102
Adjusted net (loss) income from continuing operations	\$ (20,238)	\$ 84,541	\$ 164,604
Net (loss) income per diluted share continuing operations	\$ (0.33)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.10
Adjusted net (loss) income per diluted share continuing operations	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.16

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The fiscal year 2018, 2017 and 2016 annual effective tax rates, calculated using a federal rate plus a net state rate that excluded the impact of state NOL's, state credits and valuation allowance, are used for the fifty-two weeks ended March 3, 2018, the fifty-three weeks ended March 4, 2017, and the fifty-two weeks ended February 27, 2016, respectively.

The reconciliations of our Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Net (Loss) Income and Adjusted Net (Loss) Income per Diluted Share presented above are based on the methodology in use for those historic periods. We have modified that methodology for periods beginning with our fiscal year 2019 second quarter. For information concerning our current methodology, see our Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 1, 2018 when it is publicly filed and the related earnings release and other materials for the quarter, dated September 27, 2018.

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

*Statements in this proxy statement that are not historical, are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding Rite Aid's competitive position and the ability to implement new strategies following completion of the sale of the remaining Rite Aid distribution centers and related assets to Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. ("WBA") and termination of the proposed merger with Albertsons Companies, Inc. ("ACI"); and any assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Words such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "predict," "project," "should," and "will" and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements.*

*These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, assumptions and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, our high level of indebtedness and our ability to make interest and principal payments on our debt and satisfy the other covenants contained in our debt agreements; general economic, industry, market, competitive, regulatory and political conditions; our ability to improve the operating performance of our stores in accordance with our long term strategy; the impact of private and public third-party payers continued reduction in prescription drug reimbursements and efforts to encourage mail order; our ability to manage expenses and our investments in working capital; outcomes of legal and regulatory matters; changes in legislation or regulations, including healthcare reform; our ability to achieve the benefits of our efforts to reduce the costs of our generic and other drugs; risks related to the pending sale of the remaining Rite Aid distribution centers and related assets to WBA, including the possibility that the transactions may not close, or the business of Rite Aid may suffer as a result of uncertainty surrounding the pending transactions; risks resulting from the termination of the proposed merger with ACI, including the risk that the termination could have an adverse effect on Rite Aid's ability to retain customers and retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with suppliers and customers and on our operating results and businesses generally; the risk of litigation related to the termination of the merger agreement with ACI or the proposed merger; and potential changes to our strategy following the termination of the proposed merger with ACI, which may include delaying or reducing capital or other expenditures, selling assets or other operations, attempting to restructure or refinance our debt, or seeking additional capital, and other business effects. These and other risks, assumptions and uncertainties are more fully described in Item 1A (Risk Factors) of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in other documents that we file or furnish with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which you are encouraged to read. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those indicated or anticipated by such forward-looking statements. Accordingly, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made. Rite Aid expressly disclaims any current intention to update publicly any forward-looking statement after the distribution of this proxy statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in assumptions or otherwise.*

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