





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

On December 21, 2018, the board of trustees (the “Board of Trustees”) of Chatham Lodging Trust (the “Company”), upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, appointed Mary Beth Higgins as a trustee of the Company, effective immediately.

Ms. Higgins currently serves as the interim Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) and Chief Operating Officer of Affinity Gaming Inc., a nine casino multi-jurisdictional gaming company. In her current roles, she is responsible for the day to day operations of the casinos as well as all aspects of the Company’s accounting, finance and investor relation functions. Before joining Affinity, she served from 2017-2018 as CFO of VICI Properties, a REIT spin off from Caesars Entertainment, and prior to that as CFO for Caesars Entertainment Operating Company from 2014-2017. For the 17 years prior to that, Ms. Higgins served as CFO at companies such as Global Cash Access Holdings, Inc., Herbst Gaming, Inc., and Camco, Inc.

Ms. Higgins will serve as a trustee of the Company until the Company’s 2019 annual meeting of shareholders and until her successor is duly elected and qualified or until her resignation or removal.

Ms. Higgins will receive a one-time initial grant of 5,000 restricted common shares and will also receive compensation paid to the other members of the Board of Trustees and Board committee chairpersons.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 26, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Higgins to the Board of Trustees. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein solely for purposes of this Item 7.01 disclosure.

The information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K under this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made by the Company under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
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| 99.1        | Press Release Dated December 26, 2018 Announcing the Appointment of Mary Beth Higgins to Board of Trustees |

SIGNATURES

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

CHATHAM LODGING TRUST

December 26, 2018 By: /s/ Jeremy B. Wegner

Name: Jeremy B. Wegner

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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