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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 24, 2016

Starbucks Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington 0-20322 91-1325671
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2401 Utah Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98134 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(206) 447-1575

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

On February 24, 2016, Troy Alstead, former chief operating officer of Starbucks Corporation (the "Company"), notified the Company that he would not return from his extended unpaid leave (i.e., Starbucks "Coffee Break" or sabbatical) that began on March 1, 2015, and would resign from the Company effective February 29, 2016.

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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.

STARBUCKS CORPORATION

Dated: March 1, 2016

By: /s/ Lucy Lee Helm Lucy Lee Helm

executive vice president, general counsel and secretary