UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): May 25, 2023

CATALYST PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

Delaware	**001-33057**	**76-0837053**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	**(Commission File Number)**	**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

355 Alhambra Circle **Suite 801** **Coral Gables, Florida**	**33134**
(Address of principal executive offices)	**(Zip Code)**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (305) 420-3200

Not Applicable
Former Name or Former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR240.14d-2(b))

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	**Name of Exchange on Which Registered**	**Ticker Symbol**
Common Stock, par value $0.001 per share	NASDAQ Capital Market	CPRX

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this Chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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

(d) Election of New Directors

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), in conformity with the Company's bylaws, has increased the size of the Board from seven members to eight members and has appointed Tamar Thompson to the Board. Ms. Thompson will serve until the Company's 2023 annual meeting of stockholders or until her resignation or death, if earlier.

Ms. Thompson has more than twenty years of leadership experience in health care, health policy strategy, government affairs, and market access, with a diverse background across multiple healthcare sectors and therapeutic categories, including rare diseases, with a focus on developing strategic and tactical recommendations to ensure optimal reimbursement and market access for rare disease products. Ms. Thompson currently serves as Vice President, Head of Global Corporate Affairs for Alexion Pharmaceutical, AstraZeneca Rare Diseases. Prior to joining Alexion, Ms. Thompson served as Executive Director, State Government Affairs and Federal Policy for Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. Prior to joining Bristol Myers Squibb, she served as a strategic policy advisor and consultant for various governmental affairs firms based in Washington, D.C. Ms. Thompson received a Master of Science in Health Sciences with a concentration in Public Health from Trident University in Cypress, California, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Avidity Biosciences.

There is no family relationship between Ms. Thompson, on the one hand, and any of the Company's officers or other directors, on the other hand. Further, there are no understandings or arrangements between Ms. Thompson, on the one hand, and any other person, on the other hand, pursuant to which Ms. Thompson was selected as a director. Finally, there have been no transactions, since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transactions, in which the Company was or is to be a participant and as to which the amount exceed $120,000, in which Ms. Thompson had or will have a direct or indirect material interest. Ms. Thompson has not yet been appointed to any committees of the Board.

On May 30, 2023, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Thompson to the Board. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued by the Company on May 30, 2023.

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

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

Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Alicia Grande
Alicia Grande
Vice President, Treasurer and CFO

Dated: May 30, 2023

Exhibit 99.1

Catalyst Pharmaceuticals Appoints Tamar Thompson to its Board of Directors

CORAL GABLES, Fla., May 30, 2023 - Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Catalyst" or "Company") (Nasdaq: CPRX), a commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on in-licensing, developing, and commercializing novel medicines for patients living with rare diseases, today announced the appointment of Ms. Tamar Thompson to the Company's Board of Directors ("Board"), effective on May 25, 2023.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Tamar to our Board as she brings a wealth of experience to our team across several therapeutic categories, including rare diseases, coupled with extensive health policy and government affairs acumen," said Patrick J. McEnany, Chairman and CEO of Catalyst. "Ms. Thompson's distinguished industry expertise and leadership ideally align with Catalyst's long-term growth strategy. We look forward to her valuable contributions as we continue executing our expansion initiatives to provide innovative rare neuroscience disease medicines to more patients seeking novel treatment options."

"I am honored to join the Catalyst Board at such a pivotal time in the Company's history," said Ms. Thompson. "Catalyst has experienced a very successful evolution over the last few years and is well positioned to further capitalize on its established capabilities with additional novel assets that complement its growing product portfolio. I look forward to collaborating with the Board and the Catalyst's leadership team as the Company advances its strategic growth plans."

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About Catalyst Pharmaceuticals

With exceptional patient focus, Catalyst is committed to developing and commercializing innovative first-in-class medicines that address rare neurological and epileptic diseases. Catalyst's flagship U.S. commercial product is FIRDAPSE® (amifampridine) Tablets 10 mg, approved for the treatment of Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome ("LEMS") for adults and for children ages six to seventeen. In January 2023, Catalyst acquired the U.S. commercial rights to FYCOMPA® (perampanel) CIII, a prescription medicine approved in people with epilepsy aged four and older alone or with other medicines to treat partial-onset seizures with or without secondarily generalized seizures and with other medicines to treat primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures for people with epilepsy aged 12 and older. Further, Canada's national healthcare regulatory agency, Health Canada, has approved the use of FIRDAPSE for the treatment of adult patients in Canada with LEMS.

For Full Prescribing and Safety Information for FIRDAPSE®, please visit www.firdapse.com. For Full Prescribing Information, including Boxed WARNING for FYCOMPA®, please visit www.fycompa.com. For more information about Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, Inc., visit the Company's website at www.catalystpharma.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which may cause Catalyst's actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. A number of factors, including those factors described in Catalyst's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year 2022 and its other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), could adversely affect Catalyst. Copies of Catalyst's filings with the SEC are available from the SEC, may be found on Catalyst's website, or may be obtained upon request from Catalyst. Catalyst does not undertake any obligation to update the information contained herein, which speaks only as of this date.

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