SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO Form 8-K April 20, 2015

## **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 15, 2015

The Sherwin-Williams Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-04851 (Commission 34-0526850 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

**Identification No.)** 

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## 101 West Prospect Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

## 44115 (Zip Code)

(216) 566-2000

### (Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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## Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The final voting results for the proposals submitted for a vote of shareholders at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Sherwin-Williams Company held on April 15, 2015 are set forth below.

<u>Proposal 1.</u> The shareholders fixed the number of directors of Sherwin-Williams at ten and elected the following ten nominees as directors of Sherwin-Williams to serve until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their successors are elected. The voting results for the ten nominees were as follows:

| Name                  | For        | Against   | Abstentions | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|
| Arthur F. Anton       | 79,064,457 | 730,955   | 365,605     | 6,810,772           |
| Christopher M. Connor | 77,757,335 | 1,295,692 | 1,107,990   | 6,810,772           |
| David F. Hodnik       | 79,408,508 | 403,472   | 349,037     | 6,810,772           |
| Thomas G. Kadien      | 79,419,521 | 383,657   | 357,839     | 6,810,772           |
| Richard J. Kramer     | 79,425,764 | 240,656   | 494,597     | 6,810,772           |
| Susan J. Kropf        | 79,204,663 | 494,496   | 461,858     | 6,810,772           |
| Christine A. Poon     | 78,595,762 | 1,145,967 | 419,288     | 6,810,772           |
| Richard K. Smucker    | 78,674,477 | 620,028   | 866,512     | 6,810,772           |
| John M. Stropki       | 79,015,721 | 681,449   | 463,847     | 6,810,772           |
| Matthew Thornton III  | 79,336,625 | 264,101   | 560,291     | 6,810,772           |

<u>Proposal 2.</u> The shareholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executives. The voting results were as follows:

| For        | Against   | Abstentions | Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| 77,230,587 | 2,152,164 | 778,153     | 6,810,885 |

<u>Proposal 3.</u> The shareholders approved the material terms for qualified performance-based compensation under The Sherwin-Williams Company 2006 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan (Amended and Restated as of February 17, 2015). The voting results were as follows:

|                                |                                 |                               | Broker     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| For                            | Against                         | Abstentions                   | Non-Votes  |
| 76,168,504                     | 3,340,355                       | 648,258                       | 6,814,672  |
| Proposal 4. The shareholders a | pproved the ratification of the | ne appointment of Ernst & You | ing LLP as |

Sherwin-Williams independent registered public accounting firm for 2015. The voting results were as follows:

For

Abstentions

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|            |         |         | Non-Votes |
|------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 85,577,235 | 865,538 | 529,016 | 0         |

# **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.

### THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

By: /s/ Catherine M. Kilbane Catherine M. Kilbane Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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