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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 644-0722

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers**

Effective November 19, 2014, Karen Hawkins, the Vice President of Finance and Controller of Optex Systems Holdings, Inc. (the “Issuer”), was appointed as its Chief Financial Officer.

Also effective November 19, 2014, Merrick Okamoto resigned as the Issuer’s Chairman of the Board and as a Director. In recognition of his service, all of his unvested stock options were deemed to vest immediately, and the termination date of all of his stock options was extended to December 31, 2018.

Also effective November 19, 2014, Peter Benz was appointed as a Director of the Issuer by its Board of Directors and was also elected as the Issuer’s Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Since 2001, Mr. Benz has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Viking Asset Management, LLC and is a member of the Investment Committee. His responsibilities include assuring a steady flow of candidate deals, making asset allocation and risk management decisions and overseeing all business and investment operations. He has more than 25 years of experience specializing in investment banking and corporate advisory services for small growth companies in the areas of financing, merger/acquisition, funding strategy and general corporate development. Prior to founding Viking in 2001, Mr. Benz founded Bi Coastal Consulting Company where he advised hundreds of companies regarding private placements, initial public offerings, secondary public offerings and acquisitions. Mr. Benz currently serves as a director for usell.com, Inc , Starboard Resources, and Embark Holdings. Prior to founding Bi Coastal Consulting, Mr. Benz was responsible for private placements and investment banking activities at Gilford Securities in New York, NY. Mr. Benz is a graduate of Notre Dame University.

**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.

Optex Systems Holdings,  
Inc.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Karen Hawkins  
Karen Hawkins  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 25, 2014