

BOSTON PROPERTIES INC
Form 8-K
May 22, 2014

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 20, 2014

BOSTON PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

1-13087
(Commission File Number)

04-2473675
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

800 Boylston Street, Suite 1900, Boston, Massachusetts 02199-8103

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 236-3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On May 20, 2014, Boston Properties, Inc. (the Company) amended its Second Amended and Restated By-laws, as previously amended (the By-laws), in connection with the Company's appointment of Ivan G. Seidenberg as its initial lead independent director. Previously, the By-laws provided that the Company's Chief Executive Officer or President was to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors of the Company when the Chairman was not present. The amendment to the By-laws removed this provision as a result of the fact that the Company's lead independent director will have this responsibility.

The foregoing description of the amendment to the By-laws is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of the amendment filed as Exhibits 3.1 to this Form 8-K, which is incorporated by reference herein.

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

The Company held its 2014 annual meeting of stockholders (the 2014 Annual Meeting) on May 20, 2014. At the 2014 Annual Meeting, the stockholders of the Company were asked to (1) elect Carol B. Einiger, Dr. Jacob A. Frenkel, Joel I. Klein, Douglas T. Linde, Matthew J. Lustig, Alan J. Patricof, Ivan G. Seidenberg, Owen D. Thomas, Martin Turchin, David A. Twardock and Mortimer B. Zuckerman to the Company's Board of Directors, (2) cast an advisory vote on named executive officer compensation, as described in the Company's proxy statement, (3) ratify the Audit Committee's appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PWC) as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, (4) vote on a stockholder proposal concerning an independent board chairman, (5) vote on a stockholder proposal concerning the adoption of proxy access and (6) vote on a stockholder proposal concerning a policy regarding accelerated vesting of equity awards of named executive officers upon a change in control.

At the 2014 Annual Meeting, the stockholders elected all eleven director nominees, approved the advisory resolution on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, ratified the appointment of PWC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, approved the stockholder proposal concerning the adoption of proxy access and approved the stockholder proposal concerning a policy regarding accelerated vesting of equity awards of named executive officers upon a change in control. The stockholder proposal concerning an independent board chairman did not receive the affirmative vote of a majority of shares present in person or represented by proxy at the 2014 Annual Meeting and entitled to vote and, as a result, was not approved.

The following is a statement of the number of votes cast for or against each matter or director nominee. In addition, the following sets forth the number of abstentions and broker non-votes with respect to each matter or director nominee, as applicable.

| | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| Election of Directors: | | | | |
| Carol B. Einiger | 132,148,210 | 1,460,331 | 123,714 | 3,868,261 |
| Dr. Jacob A. Frenkel | 131,954,883 | 1,651,717 | 125,655 | 3,868,261 |
| Joel I. Klein | 132,297,266 | 1,309,758 | 125,231 | 3,868,261 |
| Douglas T. Linde | 130,978,184 | 2,629,961 | 124,110 | 3,868,261 |
| Matthew J. Lustig | 132,884,548 | 705,405 | 142,303 | 3,868,261 |
| Alan J. Patricof | 131,538,807 | 2,068,047 | 125,401 | 3,868,261 |

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| Ivan G. Seidenberg | 133,244,944 | 361,801 | 125,511 | 3,868,261 |
| Owen D. Thomas | 131,422,481 | 2,184,565 | 125,210 | 3,868,261 |
| Martin Turchin | 120,845,862 | 12,762,035 | 124,358 | 3,868,261 |
| David A. Twardock | 131,176,756 | 2,431,268 | 124,231 | 3,868,261 |
| Mortimer B. Zuckerman | 130,927,635 | 2,679,766 | 124,855 | 3,868,261 |
| | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
| Non-binding, advisory vote on named executive officer compensation | 125,904,648 | 6,222,502 | 1,604,958 | 3,868,261 |
| | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
| Ratification of appointment of PWC | 136,275,945 | 1,198,955 | 125,616 | N/A |
| | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
| Stockholder proposal concerning independent board chair | 18,398,987 | 115,184,179 | 149,090 | 3,868,261 |
| | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
| Stockholder proposal concerning the adoption of proxy access | 86,082,932 | 47,446,048 | 203,275 | 3,868,261 |
| | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
| Stockholder proposal concerning accelerated vesting | 70,829,654 | 62,497,934 | 404,666 | 3,868,261 |

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.(d) *Exhibits.*

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 3.1 | Amendment No. 2 to Second Amended and Restated By-laws of Boston Properties, Inc. |

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.

BOSTON PROPERTIES, INC.

Date: May 22, 2014

By: /s/ Michael E. LaBelle

Name: Michael E. LaBelle

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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