

**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 10, 2017 (May 9, 2017)

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-13489
(Commission File Number)

52-2057472
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Vine Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
(Address of Principal Executive
Offices)

37130
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 890-2020

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 5.07. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of National HealthCare Corporation was held on May 9, 2017. As of the record date, there were a total of 15,179,930 shares of Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, 13,287,375 shares of Common Stock were represented in person or by proxy; therefore, a quorum was present. The following is a summary of the matters voted upon by the Company's shareholders at the Annual Meeting and the related results:

1. The Reelection Of W. Andrew Adams, Ernest G. Burgess, and Emil E. Hassan as directors to hold office for a three (3) year term and the election of Stephen F. Flatt as a new director to hold office for a two (2) year term and until their successors have been duly elected and qualified;

| | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| W. Andrew Adams | 8,121,978 | 2,728,566 | 2,000 | 2,434,831 |
| Ernest G. Burgess, III | 7,307,276 | 3,543,375 | 1,893 | 2,434,831 |
| Emil E. Hassan | 9,889,624 | 892,536 | 70,384 | 2,434,831 |
| Stephen F. Flatt | 8,648,302 | 2,202,387 | 1,855 | 2,434,831 |

2. To authorize and approve an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company to increase the number of authorized shares from thirty million to forty-five million;

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| 11,604,610 | 1,665,351 | 17,414 | 0 |

3. To ratify the "2017 NHC Executive Officer Performance Based Compensation Plan" (the "2017 Compensation Plan");

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| 9,184,000 | 1,654,392 | 14,152 | 2,434,831 |

4. To consider an advisory vote on compensation of our named executive officers;

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------|---------|------------------|
| 10,728,890 | 103,484 | 20,170 | 2,434,831 |

5. To consider an advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on compensation of our named executive officers.

| 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | Abstain |
|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 4,887,247 | 351,956 | 5,558,333 | 55,008 |

After considering these results, and consistent with its own recommendation, the board of directors of the Company has determined to provide the Company's shareholders with an advisory vote on the Company's approach to executive compensation every three years until the next vote on the frequency of such advisory votes.

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.

Date: May 10, 2017

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Stephen F. Flatt
Name: Stephen F. Flatt
Title: CEO