

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 22, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 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 20, 2009

**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	<b>001-33093</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>77-0160744</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<b>10275 Science Center Drive, San Diego, California, 92121-1117</b>		

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(858) 550-7500**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On April 20, 2009, Bruce A. Peacock, a member of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (the Company or Ligand), notified the Company of his decision not to stand for re-election at our upcoming annual stockholders meeting on May 29, 2009. The decision by Mr. Peacock not to stand for re-election to the Board was not the result of any disagreement with Ligand on any matter related to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned.

**LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

Date: April 22, 2009

By: /s/ Charles S. Berkman  
Name: Charles S. Berkman  
Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary