UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 11, 2023

AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| | Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 001-36352 (Commission File Number) | 20-8756903 (IRS Employer Identification No.) | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| 245 First Street Cambridge, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices) | | | 02142 (Zip Code) | |
| | Registrant's telep | ohone number, including area code: (617 | 7) 871-2098 | |
| | (Former n | N/A ame or former address, if changed since last repo | rt) | |
| | appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is i provisions: | intended to simultaneously satisfy the filin | g obligation of the registrant under any of the | |
| | ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) | | | |
| | Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) | | | |
| | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) | | | |
| | Pre-commencement communications pursuan | nt to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Ac | t (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) | |
| Securities | registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: | | | |
| Title of each class | | Trading symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share | | AKBA | The Nasdaq Capital Market | |
| | y check mark whether the registrant is an emerging Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 19 | | 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this | |
| | | | Emerging growth company \square | |
| | ging growth company, indicate by check mark if vised financial accounting standards provided pur | | | |

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 11, 2023, Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") announced that it adjourned the Company's Special Meeting of Stockholders (the "Special Meeting"), scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, until May 4, 2023 to allow the Company to solicit from its stockholders the additional proxies necessary to obtain approval of the proposals described in the Company's revised definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2023. The record date for the Special Meeting continues to be the close of business on February 16, 2023.

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.

AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ John P. Butler

Date: April 11, 2023

Name: John P. Butler

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer