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**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 24, 2018**

**Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-35986**  
(Commission File Number)

**26-1870780**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3891 Ranchero Drive, Suite 150**  
**Ann Arbor, MI**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**48108**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(734) 887-3903**

**Not Applicable**

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02. Election of Directors**

On May 24, 2018, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) elected Jay P. Shepard to the Board. Mr. Shepard was elected as a Class III director and will serve until the Company’s annual meeting of stockholders in 2019 or until his successor is duly elected and qualified. The Company believes that Mr. Shepard is qualified to serve as a director based on his substantial experience in global pharmaceutical development, commercialization and market access. In addition, Mr. Shepard was appointed to serve on the compensation committee of the Company’s board of directors.

As a non-employee director, Mr. Shepard will receive cash and equity compensation paid by the Company pursuant to its non-employee director compensation program. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Shepard and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Shepard was selected as a director, and there are no transactions between Mr. Shepard and the Company that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. In addition, the Company has entered into an indemnification agreement with Mr. Shepard in connection with his appointment to the Board which is in substantially the same form as that entered into with the other directors of the Company.

**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 29, 2018

Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Tim M. Mayleben  
Tim M. Mayleben  
President and Chief Executive Officer