
**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**

**September 12, 2013
Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported)**



GENWORTH FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32195
(Commission
File Number)

80-0873306
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6620 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA
(Address of principal executive offices)

23230
(Zip Code)

(804) 281-6000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(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 (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 12, 2013, upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Board of Directors of Genworth Financial, Inc. (the “Company”) increased the size of the Board to ten directors and elected Melina E. Higgins to serve as a new independent director. On September 12, 2013, the Board also appointed Ms. Higgins to serve on the Board’s Legal and Public Affairs Committee.

Ms. Higgins, age 45, retired from a nearly 20-year career at The Goldman Sachs Group in 2010, having been named a Managing Director in 2001 and a Partner in 2002. During her tenure at Goldman, Ms. Higgins served as Head of the Americas and Co-Chairperson of the Investment Advisory Committee for the GS Mezzanine Partners funds, which managed over \$30 billion of assets. She also served as a member of the Investment Committee for the Principal Investment Area, which oversaw and approved global private equity and private debt investments. Goldman’s Principal Investment Area was one of the largest alternative asset managers in the world. Ms. Higgins has served as an independent director of Mylan, Inc. since February 2013. Ms. Higgins received a B.A. in Economics and Spanish from Colgate University and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

As of the date of her election to the Board of Directors, Ms. Higgins will participate in the Company’s compensation plans for non-management directors, as described in the director compensation summary filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2012.

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: September 12, 2013

GENWORTH FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Leon E. Roday

Leon E. Roday
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary