### 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) March 14, 2016 (March 10, 2016)

#### **COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-64413-1815595(State or Other Jurisdiction<br/>of Incorporation)(Commission<br/>File Number)(IRS Employer<br/>Identification No.)

300 Park Avenue, New York, NY (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10022 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 310-2000

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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 March 14, 2016, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Colgate-Palmolive Company ("Colgate") elected Dr. C. Martin Harris to the Board of Directors. C. Martin Harris, MD, 59, brings extensive leadership experience and expertise in the healthcare and information technology fields to Colgate's Board. Dr. Harris has been Chief Information Officer and Chairman of the Information Technology Division of The Cleveland Clinic Foundation since 1996 and is a Staff Physician for The Cleveland Clinic Hospital and The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Department of General Internal Medicine. Since 2000, he has also served as Executive Director of e-Cleveland Clinic, a series of e-health clinical programs offered over the Internet. Dr. Harris will receive compensation in accordance with Colgate's director compensation program for non-employee directors.

On March 10, 2016, Delano E. Lewis advised the Board that he will not stand for reelection to the Board at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 6, 2016, in light of his desire to retire as a director at the end of his current term.

#### **SIGNATURE**

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.

#### **COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

Date: March 14, 2016 By: /s/ Jennifer M. Daniels

Name: Jennifer M. Daniels

Title: Chief Legal Officer and Secretary