

**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): June 10, 2021**

**Clearside Biomedical, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-37783**  
(Commission File Number)

**45-2437375**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**900 North Point Parkway**  
**Suite 200**  
**Alpharetta, Georgia**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**30005**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (678) 270-3631**

(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))

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

| <b>Title of each class</b>                | <b>Trading<br/>Symbol(s)</b> | <b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b> |
|---|------------------------------|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | CLSD                         | The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC                      |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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.

**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

On June 10, 2021, Clearside Biomedical, Inc. (the “*Company*”) held its 2021 annual meeting of stockholders (the “*Annual Meeting*”). The stockholders considered two proposals, each of which is described in more detail in the Company’s definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 2021. Of the 57,578,725 shares outstanding as of the record date, 46,113,031 shares, or approximately 80%, were present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting. Set forth below are the results of the matters submitted for a vote of stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

**Proposal No. 1:** Election of three nominees to serve as directors until the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The votes were cast as follows:

| <u>Name</u>          | <u>Votes For</u> | <u>Votes Withheld</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Richard Croarkin     | 25,870,135       | 5,351,919             |
| William D. Humphries | 25,688,044       | 5,534,010             |
| Nancy J. Hutson      | 25,871,253       | 5,350,802             |

Broker Non-Votes: 14,890,976.

All nominees were elected.

**Proposal No. 2:** Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. The votes were cast as follows:

|  | <u>Votes For</u> | <u>Votes Against</u> | <u>Abstained</u> |
|--|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Ratification of appointment of Ernst & Young LLP | 45,923,183       | 67,536               | 122,312          |

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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 10, 2021

**CLEARSIDE BIOMEDICAL, INC.**

By: /s/ Charles A. Deignan

Name: Charles A. Deignan

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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