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: March 23, 2018 (Date of earliest event reported)

AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-27275

04-3432319

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

150 Broadway Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 444-3000

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):

- 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)
- o 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 (§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 o

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. o

Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory **Item 5.02 Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(b) On March 23, 2018, George H. Conrades notified Akamai Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") that he will retire from the Board of Directors (the "Board") effective as of the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company. Effective March 23, 2018, the Board elected Frederic V. Salerno as Chairman of the Board to succeed Mr. Conrades who stepped down from the position as of that date.

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.

/s/ Aaron S. Ahola Date: March 28, 2018

Aaron S. Ahola, Senior Vice President and General

Counsel