SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO Form 8-K November 08, 2016

### **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): November 7, 2016

The Sherwin-Williams Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio 1-04851 34-0526850 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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## 101 West Prospect Avenue Cleveland, Ohio (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

44115 (Zip Code)

(216) 566-2000

(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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 5.02. <u>Departure of Directors or Certain Officers</u>; <u>Election of Directors</u>; <u>Appointment of Certain Officers</u>; <u>Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers</u>.

On November 7, 2016, Christopher M. Connor, Executive Chairman of The Sherwin-Williams Company (Sherwin-Williams), notified Sherwin-Williams of his decision to retire from his position as Executive Chairman effective as of the close of business on December 31, 2016. In addition, Mr. Connor notified Sherwin-Williams that he will not stand for re-election as a director and will retire from the Board of Directors (the Board) at the end of his current term at Sherwin-Williams 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Also on November 7, 2016, the Board elected John G. Morikis, currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Sherwin-Williams, to the additional position of Chairman effective January 1, 2017.

A copy of Sherwin-Williams press release, dated November 7, 2016, announcing these changes is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is filed with this Report:

Exhibit No. Exhibit Description

Press Release of The Sherwin-Williams Company, dated November 7, 2016.

### **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.

### THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

November 8, 2016

By: /s/ Catherine M. Kilbane Catherine M. Kilbane Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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