
**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): December 12, 2017

TEGNA INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

1-6961
(Commission
File Number)

16-0442930
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

7950 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, Virginia
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

22107-0150
(Zip Code)

(703) 873-6600
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable
(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 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 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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 12, 2017, TEGNA Inc. (the “Company”) announced that its Board of Directors has elected Melinda Witmer to serve as a director of the Company, effective immediately. Ms. Witmer’s Board committee assignments will be determined at a later date.

A copy of the press release announcing the election of Ms. Witmer to the Company’s Board of Directors is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued by TEGNA Inc. on December 12, 2017.

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.

TEGNA INC.

By: /s/ Akin S. Harrison

Akin S. Harrison

Senior Vice President, Associate General Counsel and
Secretary

Date: December 15, 2017

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 12, 2017

TEGNA Board Elects Melinda Witmer as New Director

McLEAN, VA – Melinda Witmer, a former executive at Time Warner Cable (now Charter Spectrum), has been elected to the Board of Directors of TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA), effective immediately, the company announced today.

“We are thrilled to have someone with Melinda’s expertise and perspective join TEGNA’s Board,” said Marge Magner, TEGNA chairman. “She knows the industry well and will enhance our deliberations as we work to anticipate industry trends, capitalize on market opportunities and grow our company.”

“Melinda has deep industry knowledge about changing consumer trends, as well as the video ecosystem, and is a highly accomplished executive. She will be an invaluable asset to our Board,” said Dave Lougee, president and CEO, TEGNA.

Witmer joined Time Warner Cable (TWC) in 2001 and served in several executive roles including head of content, chief operating officer for Time Warner Cable Networks and executive vice president and chief video officer. During her time at TWC, Witmer was responsible for all content acquisition, development and distribution and oversaw content offerings across platforms. Prior to joining TWC, Witmer was vice president and senior counsel at Home Box Office (HBO) and negotiated complex agreements with all major studios and other film providers.

During her career, Witmer has received numerous industry honors including being named a “Wonder Woman” by MultiChannel News and, on multiple occasions, one of “The Most Powerful Women in Cable.” She was also selected as a “100 top Power Player” by CableFax Magazine and was the first female finalist for “Sports Executive of the Year” by Sports Business Journal.

Witmer has served on a number of Boards including iNDemand, where she served as Board Chair from 2012-2016, the New York Mets and SportsNet NY. She is also an active member of the Advisory Board to the Dean of the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

Witmer holds a B.S. in Accounting and Finance from the University of Arizona and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

With Witmer’s election, TEGNA has 10 directors.

About TEGNA

TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA) is an innovative media company that serves the greater good of our communities. With 46 television stations in 38 markets, TEGNA delivers relevant content and information to consumers across platforms. It is the largest owner of top 4 affiliates in the top 25 markets, reaching approximately one-third of all television households nationwide. Each month, TEGNA reaches 50 million adults on-air and 35 million across its digital platforms. TEGNA has been consistently honored with the industry’s top awards, including Edward R. Murrow, George Polk, Alfred I. DuPont and Emmy Awards. TEGNA delivers results for advertisers through unparalleled and innovative solutions including OTT local advertising network Premion, centralized marketing resource Hatch, and G/O Digital, a one-stop shop for local businesses to connect with consumers through digital marketing. Across platforms, TEGNA tells empowering stories, conducts impactful investigations and delivers innovative marketing solutions. For more information, visit www.TEGNA.com.

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