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**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 1, 2022**

**Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-35986**  
(Commission File Number)

**26-1870780**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3891 Ranchero Drive, Suite 150**  
**Ann Arbor, MI**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**48108**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(734) 887-3903**

**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)
- 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:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	ESPR	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 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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.

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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 June 1, 2022, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Esperion Therapeutics, Inc (the “Company”) elected J. Martin Carroll to fill in the newly created vacancy on the Board resulting from an increase in the size of the Board from nine (9) directors to ten (10) directors, effective June 1, 2022. Mr. Carroll will serve as a Class I director with a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2023, at which time he will stand for election by the Company’s stockholders, or until his earlier death, resignation or removal. The Board determined that Mr. Carroll is an independent director as that term is defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and the Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC. Mr. Carroll will serve as the Chairperson of the Board, effective as of June 1, 2022.

Mr. Carroll served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation and of Boehringer Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from 2003 until 2011 and as a director of Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation from 2003 until December 2012. He joined the organization in 2002 as President of Boehringer Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Mr. Carroll worked at Merck & Co., Inc. from 1976 to 2001. From 1972 to 1976, Mr. Carroll served in the United States Air Force where he attained the rank of Captain. He has served as a director of Catalent Pharma Solutions since July 2015 and in October 2021 was appointed as Lead Director. Mr. Carroll served as a director of Inotek Pharmaceuticals Corporation from March 2016 until January 2018, including serving as Chairman of Inotek from June 2016 until January 2018. In addition, Mr. Carroll has served on a number of Boards of Directors beginning with Accredio Heath in 2004.

As a non-employee director, Mr. Carroll will receive cash and equity compensation paid by the Company pursuant to its non-employee director compensation program. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Carroll and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Carroll was selected as a director, and there are no transactions between Mr. Carroll and the Company that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. In addition, the Company has entered into an indemnification agreement with Mr. Carroll in connection with his appointment to the Board which is in substantially the same form as that entered into with the other directors of the Company.

**Item 7.01 - Regulation FD Disclosure**

On June 1, 2022, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of a new director. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto is intended to be furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	<a href="#">Press Release dated June 1, 2022.</a>
104	The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL.

**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.

Date: June 1, 2022

Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Sheldon L. Koenig  
Sheldon L. Koenig  
President and Chief Executive Officer

## Esperion Announces the Appointment of J. Martin Carroll to its Board of Directors

ANN ARBOR, Mich., June 01, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Esperion (NASDAQ: ESPR) today announced the appointment of J. Martin Carroll as Chairperson of Esperion's Board of Directors. Mr. Carroll will serve as a Class I director with a term expiring at the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders.

"On behalf of the Esperion team and our directors, I am excited to welcome Marty as Chairperson of the Esperion Board. With his significant experience, Marty will provide additional leadership and strategic guidance to our Board as we continue to commercialize our medicines and advance our pipeline," said Sheldon Koenig, president and chief executive officer of Esperion. "Marty's expertise will be critical as we prepare for the readout of our landmark CLEAR Outcomes trial in the first quarter of 2023."

"I am excited to join Esperion at this pivotal time in the company's history with the upcoming readout of the CLEAR Outcomes study topline results, and continued development of their pipeline programs," said Mr. Carroll. "I look forward to supporting the organization in positioning Esperion as a cardiovascular biotech leader."

Mr. Carroll served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation and of Boehringer Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from 2003 until 2011 and as a director of Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation from 2003 until December 2012. He joined the organization in 2002 as President of Boehringer Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Mr. Carroll worked at Merck & Co., Inc. from 1976 to 2001. From 1972 to 1976, Mr. Carroll served in the United States Air Force where he attained the rank of Captain. He has served as a director of Catalent Pharma Solutions since July 2015, and in October 2021, was elected as Lead Director. Mr. Carroll served as a director of Inotek Pharmaceuticals Corporation from March 2016 until January 2018, including serving as Chairman of Inotek from June 2016 until January 2018. In addition, Mr. Carroll has served on a number of Board of Directors beginning with Accredo Health in 2004.

### Esperion Therapeutics

Esperion works hard to make our medicines easy to get, easy to take and easy to have. We discover, develop, and commercialize innovative medicines and combinations to lower cholesterol, especially for patients whose needs aren't being met by the status quo. Our entrepreneurial team of industry leaders is inclusive, passionate and resourceful. We are singularly focused on managing cholesterol so you can improve your health easily. Esperion commercializes NEXLETOL® (bempedoic acid) and NEXLIZET® (bempedoic acid and ezetimibe) Tablets and is the leader in the development of convenient oral, once-daily non-statin LDL-cholesterol lowering drugs for patients with high levels of bad cholesterol. For more information, please visit [www.esperion.com](http://www.esperion.com) and follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/EsperionInc](https://twitter.com/EsperionInc).

### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the federal securities laws, including statements regarding marketing strategy and commercialization plans, future operations, commercial products, clinical development, plans for potential future product candidates, financial condition and outlook, and other statements containing the words "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "predict," "project," "suggest," "target," "potential," "will," "would," "could," "should," "continue," and similar expressions. Any express or implied statements contained in this press release that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking

statements. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause Esperion's actual results to differ significantly from those projected, including, without limitation, the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on our business, revenues, results of operations and financial condition, the net sales, profitability, and growth of Esperion's commercial products, clinical activities and results, supply chain, commercial development and launch plans, and the risks detailed in Esperion's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any forward-looking statements contained in this press release speak only as of the date hereof, and Esperion disclaims any obligation or undertaking to update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this press release, other than to the extent required by law.

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