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): February 10, 2021

ABM Industries Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 1-8929 94-1369354 **Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File (IRS Employer of incorporation) Number) Identification No.) One Liberty Plaza, 7th Floor New York, New York 10006 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 297-0200 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) 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: Trading Title of each class Name of each exchange on which registered Symbol(s) Common Stock, \$0.01 par value **ABM New York Stock Exchange** 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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 10, 2021, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of ABM Industries Incorporated (the "Company" or "ABM"), acting upon the recommendation of its Governance Committee, elected Quincy L. Allen as a member of the Board effective immediately. Mr. Allen has been named to the class of directors that has its term expiring at the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. Allen has not yet been appointed to a Committee of the Board.

As a non-employee director, Mr. Allen will participate in the standard non-employee director compensation arrangements described beginning on page 13 of the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 13, 2020. In addition, the Company intends to enter into its standard form of indemnification agreement with Mr. Allen.

A copy of the press release announcing the election of Mr. Allen as a director is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release issued by ABM Industries Incorporated, dated February 10, 2021, announcing the election of Quincy L. Allen to the Board of Directors.
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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.

ABM INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED

Dated: February 10, 2021

By:/s/ Andrea R. Newborn

Andrea R. Newborn

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary



ABM Names Quincy Allen to its Board of Directors

NEW YORK, NY – February 10, 2021 - <u>ABM (NYSE: ABM)</u>, a leading provider of facility solutions, today announced that its Board of Directors has elected Quincy Allen, former Chief Marketing Officer, IBM Cloud, as an independent director.

Sudhakar Kesavan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of ABM, said: "We are pleased to have Quincy join the Board of Directors. His extensive operational and technology experience, coupled with his background in business development, is particularly relevant to ABM as the company continues to pursue best-in-class facilities services solutions, while evolving its IT strategy."

"Quincy's impressive experience transforming and growing businesses across a wide variety of end markets will be a tremendous asset to our Board," said Scott Salmirs, President and Chief Executive Officer of ABM. "I look forward to working closely with him in support of our mission and vision in the years to come."

Most recently, Mr. Allen held the role of Chief Marketing Officer of IBM Cloud at IBM Corporation from 2015 to 2018. Prior to IBM, he served as Chief Marketing and Strategy Officer at Unisys from 2012 to 2015, where he helped develop new service businesses, positioning the company as a leader in IT services and products with a differentiated focus on mission critical solutions. Prior to Unisys, he served as the Chief Executive Officer for Vertis Communications from 2009 to 2010. Mr. Allen also spent 27 years at Xerox, progressively holding leadership roles such as Vice President, Worldwide Customer Services Strategy, Senior Vice President, North American Services and Solutions, and eventually, President, Production Systems Group. Mr. Allen serves on the Board of Directors of ODP Corporation (Office Depot), and previously served on the boards of NCR Corporation and Gateway Inc. Mr. Allen earned a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University and an MBA from the University of Rochester.

ABOUT ABM

ABM (NYSE: ABM) is a leading provider of facility solutions with revenues of approximately \$6.0 billion and more than 100,000 employees in 350+ offices throughout the United States and various international locations. ABM's comprehensive capabilities include janitorial, electrical & lighting, energy solutions, facilities engineering, HVAC & mechanical, landscape & turf, mission critical solutions and parking, provided through stand-alone or integrated solutions. ABM provides custom facility solutions in urban, suburban and rural areas to properties of all sizes - from schools and commercial buildings to hospitals, data centers, manufacturing plants and airports. ABM Industries Incorporated, which operates through its subsidiaries, was founded in 1909. For more information, visit www.abm.com.

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