
**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): **August 1, 2022**

Avenue Therapeutics, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-38114
(Commission File Number)

47-4113275
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2 Gansevoort Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10014
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(781) 652-4500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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.
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act.
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2b under the Exchange Act.
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Exchange Name
Common Stock	ATXI	Nasdaq Capital Market

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).

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 August 1, 2022, the Board of Directors of Avenue Therapeutics, Inc. (the “**Company**”) appointed Alexandra MacLean, M.D., to serve as the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, with immediate effect.

Dr. MacLean, 55, previously served as Entrepreneur in Residence at Fortress Biotech, Inc. (NASDAQ: FBIO), a biopharmaceutical company and a partner company of the Company, from November 2021 through July 2022. She previously served as General Partner and Principal at TVM Capital GmbH, an international life sciences venture capital firm, from January 2020 through October 2021; as Head of Licensing and Business Development at Imbrium Therapeutics L.P., a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company and a subsidiary of Purdue Pharma, L.P. (“**Purdue**”), from January 2019 through January 2020; and in various roles at Purdue, a privately held pharmaceutical company, from 2015 to January 2019. Prior to joining Purdue, she served at Plasma Surgical, Inc., a medical device company, from 2014 to 2015, and Covidien, a medical devices and supplies manufacturer later acquired by Medtronic plc (NYSE: MDT), from 2010 to 2013. She began her career in the pharmaceutical industry at Merck & Co. (NYSE: MRK), a pharmaceutical company, where she worked from 2008 to 2010. Dr. MacLean holds an M.D. degree from Columbia University, Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, an MBA from the University of Colorado – Boulder, and an M.Phil. from the University of Cambridge in History of Science. She obtained a B.Sc. in Physiology from McGill University.

There are no family relationships between Dr. MacLean and any directors or executive officers of the company. Additionally, there are no arrangements between Dr. MacLean and any other person pursuant to which she was appointed as an executive officer. There have been no transactions in which the Company has participated and in which Dr. MacLean had a direct or indirect material interest that would be required to be disclosed under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Dr. MacLean does not currently have an employment agreement with the Company but will receive a cash salary in the amount of \$332,200 per year.

With the appointment of Dr. MacLean as the new Chief Executive Officer, Mr. David Jin will end his term as interim Chief Executive Officer and will continue his responsibilities as Interim Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AVENUE THERAPEUTICS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: August 3, 2022

By: /s/ David Jin
David Jin
Interim Principal Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer
