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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): **May 7, 2021**

**HILLENBRAND, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Indiana**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-33794**  
(Commission File Number)

**26-1342272**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**One Batesville Boulevard**  
**Batesville, Indiana**  
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

**47006**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(812) 934-7500**

**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:

Title of each class:	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered:
Common Stock, without par value	HI	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by the 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 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 May 7, 2021, the Board of Directors of Hillenbrand, Inc. (the “Company”), on the recommendation of the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee (the “NCG Committee”), elected Dennis W. Pullin to the Board of Directors as an independent director. Mr. Pullin will serve an initial term that will expire at the Company’s next annual meeting of shareholders in February 2022, when he will be up for election for another term.

Mr. Pullin was also appointed to the Board’s Compensation and Management Development Committee and NCG Committee.

The Company’s press release announcing the election of Mr. Pullin is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

Mr. Pullin will be entitled to receive compensation for his service on the Board consistent with the Company’s compensation program for non-employee directors, as described under the heading “Compensation of Directors” in the Company’s proxy statement for its 2021 annual meeting of shareholders, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2020.

There are no transactions and no proposed transactions between Mr. Pullin (or any member of his immediate family) and the Company (or any of its subsidiaries), and there is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Pullin and any other person or entity pursuant to which Mr. Pullin was elected as a director of the Company.

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

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
<a href="#">99.1</a>	<a href="#">Press Release, dated May 11, 2021</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are 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.

Date: May 11, 2021

HILLENBRAND, INC.

By: /s/ Nicholas R. Farrell

Name: Nicholas R. Farrell

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer

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## Hillenbrand Elects Dennis W. Pullin to Board of Directors

**BATESVILLE, Ind., May 11, 2021** - /PRNewswire/ - Hillenbrand, Inc. (the “Company”) (NYSE: HI) announced today that Dennis W. Pullin, President and CEO of Virtua Health, a \$2 billion non-profit integrated health system, has been elected to the Company’s Board of Directors.

“We are pleased to welcome to the Board Dennis Pullin, who brings with him an impressive background,” said Joe Loughrey, Hillenbrand Chairperson. “Having served in executive leadership roles within our country’s healthcare system for over 30 years, including his current position as CEO, responsible for 14,000 employees, Dennis’ capabilities span operations, strategy, M&A and digital transformation, governance and regulation. He is deeply engaged in the community and a champion of diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. We are excited about the energy and perspective he will bring to the Board and look forward to his many contributions.”



Dennis W. Pullin

Mr. Pullin is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and serves on the New Jersey Hospital Association Board of Trustees and the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey Board of Directors. Mr. Pullin received his Bachelor’s degree at Texas Lutheran University and earned a Master of Science degree at Texas A&M University.

Prior to joining Virtua Health, Mr. Pullin was President of MedStar Harbor Hospital and Senior Vice President of MedStar Health in the Washington, D.C. area. *Modern Healthcare* recognized Mr. Pullin as one of the nation’s Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare in 2018 and 2020.

“The Board is committed to refreshment and ensuring our composition aligns with our strategic priorities and reflects the right balance of skills, experience and perspectives,” said Mr. Loughrey. “During the evaluation process, it was evident that Dennis not only shares, but can accelerate Hillenbrand’s innovation and customer focus, and its ongoing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.”

“It is an honor to be joining the Board at such a pivotal time in Hillenbrand’s journey to becoming a world-class industrial company,” said Pullin. “I am excited to use my background and experience to help execute the Company’s growth strategy, and look forward to playing a role in the ongoing business transformation.”

Mr. Pullin will serve on the Board’s Compensation and Management Development and Nominating/Corporate Governance Committees.

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### About Hillenbrand

Hillenbrand ([www.Hillenbrand.com](http://www.Hillenbrand.com)) is a global diversified industrial company with businesses that serve a wide variety of industries around the world. We pursue profitable growth and robust cash generation to drive increased value for our shareholders. Hillenbrand’s portfolio includes industrial businesses such as Coperion, Milacron Injection Molding & Extrusion, and Mold-Masters, in addition to Batesville, a recognized leader in the death care industry in North America. Hillenbrand is publicly traded on the NYSE under “HI.”

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