

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 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 16, 2022**

KIORA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-36672
(Commission File Number)

98-0443284
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1371 East 2100 South
Suite 200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84105**
(Address of principal executive offices)

84105
(Zip Code)

(781) 788-9043
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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, \$0.01 par value	KPRX	The 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).

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.

As previously reported, on April 21, 2022, Susan L. Drexler was appointed as Interim Chief Financial Officer of Kiora Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”). Ms. Drexler serves as a consultant with Danforth Advisors, LLC (“Danforth”), a provider of strategic and operational finance and accounting for life science companies, and, since March 2022, she has served as a financial consultant to the Company pursuant to a consulting agreement between the Company and Danforth dated as of March 9, 2022 (the “Consulting Agreement”).

Effective as of June 16, 2022, Ms. Drexler resigned as Interim Chief Financial Officer of the Company, but will continue to provide consulting services to the Company pursuant to the Consulting Agreement. Ms. Drexler’s resignation did not result from any disagreement regarding the Company’s operations, policies or practices. In connection with Ms. Drexler’s resignation, Brian M. Strem, Ph.D., the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, will assume the role of the Company’s principal financial and accounting officer.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

KIORA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Brian M. Strem, Ph.D.
Brian M. Strem, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 21, 2022
