

**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): **November 13, 2018**

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-35373 (Commission File Number)	90-0712224 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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14800 Landmark Boulevard, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	75254 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (972) 702-9300

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in 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 November 13, 2018, the board of directors (the "Board") of Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Sherrill Kaplan as an independent member of the Board effective November 14, 2018. Ms. Kaplan has served as the Head of Marketing and Sales at Zipcar, Inc. ("[Zipcar](#)"), a subsidiary of Avis Budget Group, Inc., since August 2018. Ms. Kaplan also served as Vice President, Digital Marketing and Innovation at Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. ("[Dunkin' Brands](#)") from 2011 to 2018. Ms. Kaplan also serves as a member of the Consumer Advisory Board of American Express Company since 2015. Ms. Kaplan does not have any other relationships with the Company that would be required to be reported pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. With her broad experience as a marketing executive at Zipcar and Dunkin' Brands, Ms. Kaplan brings substantial expertise in marketing, digital marketing and brand management to our Board.

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On November 14, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Kaplan as an independent member of the Board, the entire text of which is attached hereto as [Exhibit 99.1](#) and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (d) Exhibits

[99.1](#) [Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. Press Release, dated November 14, 2018.](#)

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.

FIESTA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

Date: November 14, 2018

By: /s/ Maria C. Mayer
Name: Maria C. Mayer
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. Announces Appointment of
Sherrill Kaplan to the Company's Board of Directors**

Dallas, TX -- (Businesswire) - November 14, 2018 - Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. ("Fiesta" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: FRGI), parent company of the Pollo Tropical® and Taco Cabana® fast-casual restaurant brands, today announced that Sherrill Kaplan has been appointed to serve as an independent member of the Board of Directors effective November 14, 2018. Inclusive of her appointment, the Fiesta Board of Directors will be comprised of nine members, including eight independent members, until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Fiesta President and Chief Executive Officer Rich Stockinger said, "We are delighted to have Sherrill join our Board. She is an experienced marketing executive with a track record of delivering strong business results through cutting-edge digital platforms, guest engagement, and data-driven lifecycle marketing. Her background will be invaluable as we focus our efforts on expanding brand awareness through impactful marketing and digital platform expansion."

Ms. Kaplan is currently the Head of Marketing and Sales at Zipcar, the world's leading car-sharing network. She is responsible for demand and revenue generation and oversees all marketing functions from digital and social media to partnerships and product marketing. Previously, she served as the Vice President of Digital Marketing & Innovation at Dunkin' Brands from 2011 to 2018, where she was responsible for strengthening and growing Dunkin's digital presence in the U.S. Prior to her tenure at Dunkin', Ms. Kaplan held various high-level marketing positions at Citi, Circles, and Cartera Commerce. Ms. Kaplan has also been a member of the Consumer Advisory Board for American Express since 2015.

Ms. Kaplan holds a BS from Boston University and an MBA from the University of Denver.

Fiesta Chairman Stacey Rauch added, "Sherrill is a welcome addition to our Board and will bring new insights to Fiesta given her strong background in marketing, strategy and consumer-oriented businesses."

About Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc.

Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc. is the parent company of the Pollo Tropical® and Taco Cabana® restaurant brands. The brands specialize in the operation of fast-casual restaurants that offer distinct and unique tropical and Mexican inspired flavors with broad appeal at a compelling value. For more information about Fiesta Restaurant Group, Inc., visit the corporate website at www.frgi.com.