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): July 1, 2019

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-13100

56-1871668

Maryland

Highwoods Properties, Inc.

	(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	(I.R.S. Employer
	of incorporation or organization)	File Number)	Identification Number)
	HIGHWOOI	DS REALTY LIMITED PARTI	NERSHIP
	(Exact t	name of registrant as specified in its char	eer)
	North Carolina	000-21731	56-1869557
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	of incorporation or organization)	File Number)	Identification Number)
	(Ad	3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600 Raleigh, NC 27604 dress of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)	
	(Reg	919-872-4924 istrants' telephone number, including area code)	
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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 1	3e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR	240.13e-4(c))
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	Securities r	egistered pursuant to Section 12(b) of t	he Act:
	Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
-	Common Stock \$ 01 par value of	HIW	New York Stock Eychange

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Highwoods Properties, Inc. has announced that Edward J. Fritsch, 60, will retire as Chief Executive Officer and member of the Company's Board of Directors effective September 1, 2019. Theodore J. Klinck, 53, who currently serves as President and Chief Operating Officer, will assume the role of Chief Executive Officer and director upon Mr. Fritsch's retirement. Mr. Klinck has served as President since November 2018 and Chief Operating Officer since September 2015. Prior to that, Mr. Klinck served as the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer. Before joining Highwoods in March 2012, Mr. Klinck served as principal and chief investment officer with Goddard Investment Group, a privately owned real estate investment firm. Previously, Mr. Klinck had been a managing director at Morgan Stanley Real Estate.

Effective with these changes, the Company also announced that Brendan C. Maiorana, 43, has been promoted to Executive Vice President of Finance and Investor Relations and Brian M. Leary, 45, will join the Company as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Maiorana joined Highwoods in May 2016 as Senior Vice President of Finance and Investor Relations. He will continue to report directly to Mark F. Mulhern, 59, the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining Highwoods, Mr. Maiorana spent 11 years in Equity Research at Wells Fargo Securities, starting as an Associate Equity Research Analyst. Prior to that, he worked four years at Ernst & Young LLP as a senior auditor. He is a graduate of Rutgers University with a BS in accounting and has an MBA from the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Mr. Leary will join Highwoods on July 15, 2019 as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, reporting directly to Mr. Klinck. He joined Crescent Communities as president of its commercial and mixed-use business unit in 2014. Prior to joining Crescent, Leary held senior management positions with Jacoby Development, Inc., Atlanta Beltline, Inc., AIG Global Real Estate, Atlantic Station, LLC and Central Atlanta Progress. Mr. Leary is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology's College of Architecture with a BS in architecture with minor concentrations in land development and real estate. He also holds a master's degree in City Planning from Georgia Tech.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

By:	/s/ Jeffrey D. Miller
	Jeffrey D. Miller
	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
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Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: July 1, 2019