
**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): **April 10, 2026**

ESS TECH, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-39525
(Commission
File Number)

98-1550150
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

26440 SW Parkway Ave., Bldg. 83
Wilsonville, Oregon
(Address of principal executive offices)

97070
(Zip code)

(855) 423-9920
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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, \$0.0001 par value per share	GWH	The New York Stock Exchange
Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$172.50	GWH.W	The New York Stock Exchange

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.

Resignation of Director

On April 10, 2026, Michael Niggli notified ESS Tech, Inc. (the “Company”) that he is resigning from the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”), Audit Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, effective as of the date of the Company’s 2026 annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 29, 2026.

The resignation of Mr. Niggli was not the result of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to its operations, policies, or practices.

The Company is grateful for Mr. Niggli’s leadership on its board of directors as the Founding Chairman of the Company and for his years of service and valuable contributions to the Company.

SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: April 15, 2026

ESS TECH, INC.

By: /s/ Kate
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Kate
Name: Suhadolnik
Chief
Financial
Title: Officer