

MIDDLEBY CORP
Form 8-K
May 11, 2017

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 9, 2017**

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-9973
(Commission File Number)

36-3352497
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60120
(Zip Code)

(847) 741-3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 9, 2017, The Middleby Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company), held its 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) in Elgin, Illinois. At the Annual Meeting, the Company's stockholders voted on six proposals and cast their votes as described below. The proposals are described in the definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2017.

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Proposal one was the election of seven (7) directors. The shares present were voted as follows:

Nominees	For	Withhold	Broker Non-Votes
Selim A. Bassoul	46,271,242	781,356	4,849,390
Sarah Palisi Chapin	45,933,614	1,118,984	4,849,390
Robert B. Lamb	46,484,259	568,339	4,849,390
Cathy L. McCarthy	46,806,973	245,625	4,849,390
John R. Miller III	44,547,016	2,505,582	4,849,390
Gordon O'Brien	45,813,347	1,239,251	4,849,390
Nassem Ziyad	46,787,578	265,020	4,849,390

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, all seven nominees listed above were elected to the Company's Board of Directors (the Board) to serve until the Company's 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation or removal.

2. RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Proposal two was the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as independent public accountant of the Company for the current fiscal year ending December 30, 2017. The shares present were voted as follows:

FOR: 51,635,594 AGAINST: 216,051 ABSTAIN: 50,343 BROKER NON-VOTES: 0

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, proposal two was approved.

3. ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

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Proposal three was the approval, by an advisory vote, of the 2016 compensation of the Company's named executive officers. The shares present were voted as follows:

FOR: 37,978,254

AGAINST: 8,988,121

ABSTAIN: 86,223

BROKER NON-VOTES: 4,849,390

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, proposal three was approved on an advisory basis.

4. ADVISORY VOTE ON FREQUENCY OF ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Proposal four was the approval, by an advisory vote, of the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation. The shares present were voted as follows:

1 YEAR: 43,102,418	2 YEARS: 19,179	3 YEARS: 3,880,322	ABSTAIN: 50,679
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The Company will hold an advisory vote on executive compensation every year until the next required non-binding, advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on executive compensation.

5. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL SHARES UNDER THE COMPANY'S 2011 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

Proposal five was the approval of an amendment to authorize additional shares under the Company's 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The shares present were voted as follows:

FOR: 43,357,449	AGAINST: 3,617,777	ABSTAIN: 77,372	BROKER NON-VOTES: 4,849,390
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Pursuant to the foregoing votes, proposal five was approved.

6. STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL REGARDING SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

Proposal six was a stockholder proposal regarding sustainability reporting. The shares present were voted as follows:

FOR: 20,507,833	AGAINST: 25,468,109	ABSTAIN: 1,076,656	BROKER NON-VOTES: 4,849,390
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Pursuant to the foregoing votes, proposal six was not approved.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

Dated: May 11, 2017

By:	/s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald
Name:	Timothy J. FitzGerald
Title:	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer