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 13, 2020

INCYTE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-12400

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

94-3136539 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1801 Augustine Cut-Off Wilmington, DE (Address of principal executive offices)

19803 (Zip Code)

(302) 498-6700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 obligations 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	<u>Trading symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$.001 par value per share	INCY	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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 \Box

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.

Director Retirement

On May 13, 2020, Paul A. Friedman, M.D. notified Incyte Corporation (the "Company") that, should he be re-elected as a member of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") at the Company's 2020 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, he will serve on the Board until the Company's 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and will retire from the Board effective at the time of the Company's 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Dr. Friedman has been a member of the Company's Board of Directors since 2001.

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: May 14, 2020

INCYTE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Maria E. Pasquale Maria E. Pasquale Executive Vice President and General Counsel