ROCKWELL MEDICAL, INC. Form 8-K May 23, 2018

# UNITED STATES 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): May 23, 2018

## ROCKWELL MEDICAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **000-23661** (Commission File Number)

38-3317208 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**30142 Wixom Road, Wixom, Michigan** (Address of principal executive offices)

**48393** (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (248) 960-9009

#### Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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#### Item 8.01 Other Events

A board meeting called for the purpose of discussing a shareholder demand letter and informing the board that the independent non-conflicted directors had hired independent counsel to conduct an internal investigation in response to the demand letter requiring immediate initiation of an investigation of alleged breach of fiduciary duties by various directors and other possible violations of federal securities laws. The directors who are the subjects of the allegations of breaches of fiduciary duty asserted the position that they voted to fire the CEO. As that action was not the purpose of the special meeting, the determination of the non-conflicted independent directors was that the termination was not effective, and based on that and in accordance with the CEO s employment contract the CEO remains. The CEO through counsel has notified the SEC of the action taken by the directors whose conduct is discussed in the demand letter that gives rise to the investigation, and the CEO continues to serve as the CEO consistent with the terms of his employment agreement. The internal investigation is proceeding under the two non-conflicted independent directors Patrick Bagley and Ronald Boyd.

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#### **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.

ROCKWELL MEDICAL, INC.

May 23, 2018 By: /s/ Robert L. Chioini

Robert L. Chioini

Its: Chief Executive Officer

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