Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. Form 8-K March 29, 2018

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): March 29, 2018

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction **001-37666** (Commission

47-4668380 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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3980 Howard Hughes Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (702) 541-7777

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 obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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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)) 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 March 29, 2018, Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), held its special meeting of stockholders (the Special Meeting).

At the Special Meeting, the stockholders of the Company (i) approved the adoption of the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of December 17, 2017 (the Merger Agreement) by and among the Company, Penn National Gaming, Inc. (Penn) and Franchise Merger Sub, Inc. (Merger Sub), pursuant to which Merger Sub will merge with and into the Company (the Merger), with the Company surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Penn; (ii) approved, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, certain compensation that may be paid or become payable to the Company s named executive officers in connection with the Merger; and (iii) approved the adjournment of the Special Meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes to adopt the Merger Agreement.

The following are the final voting results as to the three proposals submitted at the Special Meeting:

Proposal One: Approval of the adoption of the Merger Agreement. The final vote tabulation was as follows:

 For
 Against
 Abstain
 Broker Non-Votes

 44,861,862
 16,758
 270,232

Proposal Two: Approval, on an advisory (non-binding basis), of the compensation payable to the Company s named executive officers. The final vote tabulation was as follows:

 For
 Against
 Abstain
 Broker Non-Votes

 35,762,200
 8,986,471
 400,181

Proposal Three: Approval of the adjournment of the Special Meeting. The final vote tabulation was as follows:

 For
 Against
 Abstain
 Broker Non-Votes

 41,483,590
 3,384,403
 280,859

With respect to Proposal Three, although there were sufficient votes to approve Proposal Three, no motion to adjourn was made because the adjournment of the Special Meeting was determined not to be necessary or appropriate.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 29, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the results of the Special Meeting, which is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 <u>Press Release, dated March 29, 2018, issued by Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc.</u> **Important Additional Information**

In connection with the proposed transaction, on February 8, 2018, Penn filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a registration statement on Form S-4 that contains a joint proxy statement of Penn and Pinnacle and also constitutes a prospectus of Penn (the joint proxy statement/prospectus). The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on February 28, 2018 and Penn and Pinnacle commenced mailing the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus to their respective shareholders and stockholders on February 28, 2018. This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval. SHAREHOLDERS OF PENN AND STOCKHOLDERS OF PINNACLE ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors may obtain a free copy of the registration statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about Penn and Pinnacle, without charge, at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Penn can be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to Justin Sebastiano, Penn National Gaming, Inc., 825 Berkshire Boulevard, Suite 200, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610, Tel. No. (610) 401-2029. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Pinnacle can be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to Vincent Zahn, Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., 3980 Howard Hughes Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89169, Tel. No. (702) 541-7777.

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.

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: March 29, 2018 By: /s/ Elliot D. Hoops

Elliot D. Hoops,

Vice President and Legal Counsel