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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): September 8, 2017

Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	**000-30929**	**13-4087132**
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	**(Commission File Number)**	**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

One Marina Park Drive, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02210
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(617) 466-3500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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.

(b) On September 8, 2017, John P. Butler notified Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") that he was resigning from the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") effective as of September 8, 2017. Mr. Butler did not communicate to the Company any disagreements regarding the Company's operations, policies or practices in connection with his resignation, nor is the Company aware of any such disagreements.

(d) On September 11, 2017, pursuant to Section 3.05 of the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws, the Board appointed Mark J. Enyedy as an independent director of the Board, effective as of September 11, 2017, to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Butler's resignation. Mr. Enyedy is to serve as a director until his term expires at the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Enyedy was appointed to the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee of the Board.

Mr. Enyedy, age 53, has over 20 years of experience in the life sciences industry. He is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of ImmunoGen, Inc., a publicly traded biopharmaceutical company, a position he has held since May 2016. Prior to joining ImmunoGen, Mr. Enyedy served in various executive capacities at Shire plc, a pharmaceutical company, from 2013 to May 2016, including as Executive Vice President and Head of Corporate Development from 2014 to May 2016, where he led Shire's strategy, M&A, and corporate planning functions and provided commercial oversight of Shire's pre-Phase 3 portfolio. Prior to joining Shire he served as Chief Executive Officer and a director of Proteostasis Therapeutics, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, from 2011 to 2013. Prior to joining Proteostasis he served for 15 years at Genzyme Corporation, a biopharmaceutical company, most recently as President of the Transplant, Oncology, and Multiple Sclerosis divisions. Mr. Enyedy holds a JD from Harvard Law School and practiced law prior to joining Genzyme. Mr. Enyedy is also a director of Fate Therapeutics, Inc., a publicly traded biopharmaceutical company.

Mr. Enyedy was appointed to the Board pursuant to the right of the Company's largest stockholder, The Baupost Group, L.L.C., to designate a member of the Board. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Enyedy and any other person pursuant to which he was elected as a director, nor are there any transactions between Mr. Enyedy and the Company that would be reportable under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. Mr. Enyedy will receive customary compensation in accordance with the Company's director compensation policy.

In addition, in connection with Mr. Butler's resignation, the Board appointed Michael Rogers, a current member of the Board, to serve as the Chairman of the Board, effective as of September 11, 2017.

Keryx announced Mr. Butler's resignation, the appointment of Mr. Enyedy to the Board and the appointment of Mr. Rogers as Chairman of the Board via press release on September 13, 2017. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

99.1 Press release issued by Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., dated September 13, 2017.

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.

Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: September 13, 2017

By: /s/ Brian Adams
Brian Adams
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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Exhibit 99.1

Keryx Biopharmaceuticals Announces Changes to its Board of Directors

- Mark Enyedy appointed to Keryx's board of directors
- Current Keryx board member Michael Rogers appointed chairman

BOSTON, MA, September 13, 2017 – Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: KERX), a biopharmaceutical company focused on bringing innovative medicines to people with kidney disease, today announced the appointment of Mark J. Enyedy as an independent member of the company's board of directors. Mr. Enyedy brings extensive biopharmaceutical leadership experience to the company. John Butler, chairman of the Keryx board of directors and president and chief executive officer of Akebia Therapeutics, Inc., has resigned from Keryx's board. Current Keryx board member Michael Rogers has been appointed as chairman of the board. These changes are effective immediately.

"On behalf of the entire board, we look forward to Mike's chairmanship and thank John for his contributions to our company," said Greg Madison, president, chief executive officer and board member of Keryx Biopharmaceuticals. "We are thrilled to have Mark join our board. His experience building leading biopharmaceutical organizations will be invaluable to Keryx as we work to pursue our vision of building a leading multi-product company focused on kidney disease."

"Keryx has a unique opportunity, as it prepares for the potential launch of an additional indication for Auryxia, to help more than one million adults with chronic kidney disease in the United States manage two complications of this illness," said Mr. Enyedy. "Auryxia has all of the characteristics of a foundational medicine from which Keryx can build a leading multi-product company focused on improving outcomes for people with kidney disease. I look forward to working with the Keryx team in realizing this vision."

"It has been a pleasure to work with the Keryx team," said Mr. Butler. "I am proud of our accomplishments during my time on the board and I look forward to following the company's continued success."

Mr. Enyedy has more than 25 years of combined general management, business development, and legal experience in the biotechnology industry across multiple therapeutic areas. He currently serves as president and chief executive officer of ImmunoGen, Inc., a position he has held since 2016. Prior to ImmunoGen, Mr. Enyedy served as executive vice president and head of corporate development for Shire plc leading the company's strategy, merger and acquisitions,, and corporate planning functions and providing commercial oversight for the company's pre-Phase 3 portfolio. Previously, Mr. Enyedy served as chief executive officer of Proteostasis Therapeutics, Inc., following 15 years at Genzyme Corporation in diverse roles, and president of the transplant, oncology, and multiple sclerosis divisions. Before joining Genzyme, Mr. Enyedy was an associate with the law firm Palmer & Dodge. He holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.S. from Northeastern University. Mr. Enyedy also serves on the board of directors of Fate Therapeutics.

Pursuant to the company's October 2015 financing transaction with The Baupost Group, LLC., Mr. Enyedy replaces Mr. Butler as Baupost's board appointee.

About Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.

Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts, is focused on the development and commercialization of innovative medicines that provide unique and meaningful advantages to people with kidney disease. The Keryx team consists of approximately 200 committed people working with passion to advance the care of people with this complex disease. In September 2014, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Keryx's first medicine, Auryxia® (ferric citrate) tablets. For more information about Keryx, please visit www.keryx.com.

Forward Looking Statements

Some of the statements included in this press release, particularly those regarding the commercialization and ongoing clinical development of Auryxia and the submission of an sNDA to the FDA to expand the

label of ferric citrate to include the treatment of IDA in adults with stage 3-5 NDD-CKD and the potential approval in this indication and the impact thereof on Keryx, may be forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. For those statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Among the factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially are the following: whether we can increase adoption of Auryxia in patients with CKD on dialysis in order to achieve our 2017 financial guidance; whether we can maintain our operating expenses to projected levels while continuing our current clinical, regulatory and commercial activities; the risk that the FDA may not concur with our interpretation of our Phase 3 study results in NDD- CKD, supportive data, conduct of the studies, or any other part of our regulatory submission and could ultimately deny approval of ferric citrate for the treatment of IDA in adults with stage 3-5 NDD-CKD; the risk that if approved for use in NDD-CKD that we may not be able to successfully market Auryxia for use in this indication; our ability to continue to supply Auryxia to the market; and other risk factors identified from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any forward looking statements set forth in this press release speak only as of the date of this press release. We do not undertake to update any of these forward looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date hereof. This press release and prior releases are available at http://www.keryx.com. The information found on our website is not incorporated by reference into this press release and is included for reference purposes only.

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