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): March 10, 2022

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts 000-24049 04-2372210 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS employer of incorporation) file number) identification no.) 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 425-3000 **Not Applicable** (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) ☐ 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 Trading Symbol** Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered Common Stock, no par value **CRAI** Nasdaq Global Select Market 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 \square 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. \Box

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 10, 2022, the compensation committee of our board of directors set the performance criteria and goals for, and the target and maximum amounts payable under, performance awards granted to our executive officers for fiscal 2022 under our cash incentive plan. These performance awards are payable in cash and only to the extent certain performance goals specified by our compensation committee are achieved in fiscal 2022.

For Paul Maleh, our president and chief executive officer, Chad Holmes, our executive vice president and chief corporate development officer, Jonathan Yellin, our executive vice president and general counsel, and Daniel Mahoney, our executive vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer, the target amounts payable under these performance awards are tied to the achievement of performance goals related to our fiscal 2022 non-GAAP net revenue and "Performance Compensation EBITDA" (as further described below), and to the executive officer's individual performance, as follows:

	Performance				
Executive	Non-GAAP Net	Compensation	Individual		
Officer	Revenue	EBITDA	Performance		
Mr. Male	h 35%	35%	30%		
Mr. Holme	es 25%	25%	50%		
Mr. Yelli	n 25%	25%	50%		
Mr. Mahone	y 25%	25%	50%		

For purposes of these performance awards, our Performance Compensation EBITDA will be calculated from EBITDA by adding back share-based compensation, amortization of forgivable loans, and other (income) expense, net. Our non-GAAP net revenue and Performance Compensation EBITDA will exclude any extraordinary, special, or non-recurring items as approved by the Compensation Committee, and any other items that would have resulted in non-GAAP adjustments to the Company's results reported in earnings releases.

The target and maximum amounts payable to our executive officers under these performance awards are set forth below, and these awards remain subject to the discretion of our compensation committee to reduce or eliminate the amount actually paid under the award, regardless of the actual performance achieved.

Executive Officer		Target	Maximum
	Mr. Maleh \$	1,100,000	\$ 2,002,000
	Mr. Holmes \$	375,000	\$ 637,500
	Mr. Yellin \$	325,000	\$ 552,500
	Mr. Mahonev \$	375,000	\$ 637,500

In addition, on March 10, 2022, our compensation committee determined the annual base salaries of, and the target value for awards to be granted under our long-term incentive plan (LTIP) to, our executive officers in fiscal 2022:

Executive Officer	Base Salary	Target LTIP Award Value
Mr. Maleh		\$ 1,600,000
Mr. Holmes	\$ 450,000 \$	\$ 375,000
Mr. Yellin	\$ 450,000 \$	\$ 325,000
Mr. Mahoney	\$ 450,000 \$	\$ 375,000

Our compensation committee retains the discretion to decide the actual value, timing and terms of these LTIP awards.

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.

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Dated: March 16, 2022 By: /s/ Daniel Mahoney

Daniel Mahoney

Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and Treasurer