
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): January 13, 2015

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: 001-34626

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

58-2328421
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

11695 Johns Creek Parkway
Suite 350
Johns Creek, GA 30097-1523
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

770-418-8800
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

(d) Appointment of Donald S. Moss as Director

On January 13, 2015, the Board of Directors of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Registrant") appointed Donald S. Moss to serve as a director of the Registrant beginning on January 13, 2015.

Mr. Moss will serve as a member of the Audit Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors and his compensation as a director will be provided on the same basis as that provided to the Registrant's other non-employee directors, as outlined in the Registrant's most recent Annual Proxy Statement as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 1, 2014.

Mr. Moss previously served as a director of the Registrant and is being re-appointed to fulfill the board vacancy that resulted from the death of the Registrant's Chairman of the Board, W. Wayne Woody, on January 9, 2015, as further described in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated January 14, 2015 announcing the death of Board Chairman, W. Wayne Woody

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.

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.

Date: January 14, 2015

By: /s/ Laura P. Moon

Laura P. Moon

Chief Accounting Officer and Senior Vice President

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Press Release dated January 14, 2015 announcing the death of Board Chairman, W. Wayne Woody



Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. Announces the Death of Board Chairman, W. Wayne Woody

Atlanta, GA - January 14, 2015 - Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (the “Company” or “Piedmont”) (NYSE:PDM) today announced the death of the Company’s Chairman of the Board, W. Wayne Woody. Mr. Woody died unexpectedly on Friday, January 9, 2015.

Donald A. Miller, CFA, Chief Executive Officer of Piedmont, stated, “We are saddened by the sudden loss of Mr. Woody and our hearts go out to Wayne’s wife, Ann, and his extended family. So much of Piedmont’s culture and success today is attributable to Wayne. He was a man of towering integrity, who led the Company’s efforts in listing on the New York Stock Exchange in 2010. He commanded the best from each of us, and we all have lost a great mentor and friend.”

Mr. Woody served on Piedmont’s Board of Directors since 2003, and as its Chairman since 2007. Pursuant to the Company’s bylaws and policies, Vice-Chairman of the Board, Frank C. McDowell, will perform the duties of the Chairman of the Board until a successor is appointed.

About Piedmont:

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: PDM) is a fully-integrated and self-managed real estate investment trust (REIT) specializing in the ownership and management of high-quality Class A office buildings located primarily in nine of the largest U.S. office markets, including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York and Washington, D.C. Approximately 73% of its tenants are investment grade-rated or governmental tenants, or large, nationally-recognized companies not requiring investment ratings. The Company is headquartered in Atlanta, GA, with local management offices in each of its major markets. Investment grade-rated by Standard & Poor's (BBB) and Moody's (Baa2), Piedmont has maintained a relatively low leverage strategy throughout its sixteen year operating history. For more information, see www.piedmontreit.com.

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