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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 14A**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities  
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**FORWARD AIR CORPORATION**

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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FORWARD AIR CORPORATION  
ATTN: LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
2000 OLYMPUS BOULEVARD, SUITE 300  
DALLAS, TX 75205

## Your **Vote** Counts!

**FORWARD AIR CORPORATION**

2026 Annual Meeting

Vote by June 16, 2026 11:59 PM ET. For shares held in a  
Plan, vote by June 14, 2026 11:59 PM ET.



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### You invested in FORWARD AIR CORPORATION and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the stockholder meeting to be held on June 17, 2026.**

#### Get informed before you vote

View the Notice, Proxy Statement and Annual Report online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to June 3, 2026. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com). If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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#### Vote in Person at the Meeting\*

June 17, 2026  
8:00 a.m. CT

Hilton Dallas/Southlake Town Square Hotel  
1400 Plaza Place  
Southlake, TX 76092

\*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote at [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com)

## THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of Directors <b>Nominees:</b> 01) Dale W. Boyles                      04) Shawn Stewart 02) Christine M. Gorjanc              05) Paul Svindland 03) Jerome Lorrain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For
2. To approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers (the "say on pay vote").	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For
3. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the 2026 fiscal year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For
4. To approve an amendment to the 2025 Omnibus Incentive Compensation plan to increase number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance thereunder.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For
<b>NOTE:</b> Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.	

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