# 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): November 26, 2014 (November 26, 2014)

# FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee	000-22490	62-1120025
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
430 Airport Road Greeneville, Tennessee		37745
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	
Registrant's telep	hone number, including area code: (423) 6  Not Applicable	36-7000
(Former name	or former address, if changed since last re	port)
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#### SECTION 5. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

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

The Company's Board of Directors has elected Ronald W. Allen to its Board of Directors, effective November 26, 2014.

Mr. Allen previously served as a director of Forward Air from 2011 to 2013. Mr. Allen retired as the Chief Executive Officer of Aaron's, Inc., a leading lease-to-own company for furniture, appliances and electronics, in September 2014. He served as the Chairman of Aaron's, Inc.'s Board of Directors and as Aaron's, Inc.'s President and Chief Executive Officer from November 2012 until April 2014. Before being elected as Chairman of the Board of Aaron's Inc., Mr. Allen served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Aaron's, Inc. from February 2012 until November 2012, and as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of Aaron's, Inc. from November 2011 until February 2012. Mr. Allen retired as the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") in July 1997. From July 1997 through July 2005, Mr. Allen was a consultant to and Advisory Director of Delta. Mr. Allen has been a Director of The Coca-Cola Company since 1991 and Aircastle Limited since 2006. He previously served as a Director of Interstate Hotels & Resorts, Inc. from 2006 to 2010 and Guided Therapeutics Inc. from 2008 to January 31, 2014.

On November 26, 2014, in connection with his appointment to the Board and pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Stock Plan, the Company granted Mr. Allen 995 restricted shares of the Company's common stock that will vest on November 26, 2015.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Allen and any other persons pursuant to which Mr. Allen was selected as a director. Mr. Allen will serve as a member of the Compensation Committee of the Board. There have been no transactions since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transaction, in which the Company was or is to be a participant, in which the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which Mr. Allen has, or will have, a direct or indirect material interest. Mr. Allen does not have any family relationship with any director, executive officer or person nominated or chosen by the Company to become a director or an executive officer. The Board has determined that Mr. Allen is an independent director under applicable Nasdaq rules.

### SECTION 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished as part of this Report.

No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release of Forward Air Corporation dated November 26, 2014
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## **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.

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# FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

Date: November 26, 2014 By: /s/ Rodney L. Bell

Rodney L. Bell Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

# Exhibit

**No.** 99.1 Press Release of Forward Air Corporation dated November 26, 2014

## Forward Air Corporation Announces Election of Ronald W. Allen as New Independent Director

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--November 26, 2014--Forward Air Corporation (NASDAQ:FWRD) has elected Ronald W. Allen as a non-management director of its Board of Directors. The Company's Board now consists of nine members, eight of whom are non-management directors.

Mr. Allen previously served as a director of Forward Air from 2011 to 2013. Mr. Allen retired as the Chief Executive Officer of Aaron's, Inc., a leading lease-to-own company for furniture, appliances and electronics, in September 2014. He served as the Chairman of Aaron's, Inc.'s Board of Directors and as Aaron's, Inc.'s President and Chief Executive Officer from November 2012 until April 2014. Before being elected as Chairman of the Board of Aaron's Inc., Mr. Allen served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Aaron's, Inc. from February 2012 until November 2012, and as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of Aaron's, Inc. from November 2011 until February 2012. Mr. Allen retired as the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Delta Air Lines, Inc. ("Delta") in July 1997. From July 1997 through July 2005, Mr. Allen was a consultant to and Advisory Director of Delta. Mr. Allen has been a Director of The Coca-Cola Company since 1991 and Aircastle Limited since 2006. He previously served as a Director of Interstate Hotels & Resorts, Inc. from 2006 to 2010 and Guided Therapeutics Inc. from 2008 to January 31, 2014.

Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman, President and CEO of the Company, commented, "Ron has extraordinary business expertise, and we are delighted to welcome him back to service on our Board of Directors. He will be a great addition to our Board."

#### **About Forward Air**

Forward Air Corporation operates three business segments, Forward Air, Inc., Forward Air Solutions, Inc. and Total Quality, Inc.

Forward Air, Inc. is a leading provider of time-definite surface transportation and related logistics services to the North American expedited ground freight market. We offer our customers local pick-up and delivery (Forward Air Complete<sup>SM</sup>) and scheduled surface transportation of cargo as a cost-effective, reliable alternative to air transportation. We transport cargo that must be delivered at a specific time but is relatively less time-sensitive than traditional air freight or when air transportation is not economical. We also offer our customers an array of logistics and other services including: expedited full truckload (TLX); intermodal/drayage (Central States Trucking Co.); dedicated fleets; warehousing; customs brokerage; and shipment consolidation, deconsolidation and handling.

Forward Air Solutions, Inc. is a provider of pool distribution services. Pool distribution involves the consolidation and shipment of several smaller less-than-truckload shipments to a common area or region. Once at the regional destination, the loads are deconsolidated, then grouped with other shipments with common delivery points, and delivered in a very precise, time-sensitive manner. Our pool distribution network consists of 24 terminals within the mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Midwest and Southwestern United States

Total Quality, Inc. utilizes industry-leading temperature-controlled equipment, 24-hour monitoring and tracking technology and layered security features to provide our customers with the highest level of service. In addition to our core pharmaceutical services, we provide brokerage transportation services. Headquartered in central Michigan, we service the United States, Canada and Mexico.

#### **Important Information**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements," as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements are statements other than historical information or statements of current condition and relate to future events or our future financial performance. Some forward-looking statements may be identified by use of such terms as "believes," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "projects" or "expects." Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The following is a list of factors, among others, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements: economic factors such as recessions, inflation, higher interest rates and downturns in customer business cycles, our inability to maintain our historical growth rate because of a decreased volume of freight moving through our network or decreased average revenue per pound of freight moving through our network, increasing competition and pricing pressure, surplus inventories, loss of a major customer, the creditworthiness of our customers and their ability to pay for services rendered, our ability to secure terminal facilities in desirable locations at reasonable rates, the inability of our information systems to handle an increased volume of freight moving through our network, changes in fuel prices, claims for property damage, personal injuries or workers' compensation, employment matters including rising health care costs, enforcement of and changes in governmental regulations, environmental and tax matters, the handling of hazardous materials, the availability and compensation of qualified independent owner-operators and freight handlers

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