

**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 17, 2019**

**Calyxt, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-38161**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**27-1967997**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2800 Mount Ridge Road**  
**Roseville, MN 55113-1127**  
(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)

**(651) 683-2807**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**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))

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

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.**

On January 23, 2019, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Calyxt, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Kimberly Nelson to serve as member of the Board, effective January 17, 2019.

Mrs. Nelson, 51, has served as the Chief Financial Officer of SPS Commerce (NASDAQ: SPSC), a provider of cloud-based supply chain management solutions, since November 2007. Mrs. Nelson has served on the Board of Directors of Qumu Corporation (NASDAQ: QUMU), a video content management company, since 2013. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, and completed the Executive MBA program at the University of Saint Thomas. Mrs. Nelson has provided financial direction at a number of companies over her 30 years of experience including Amazon.com, Nestlé USA Inc. and The Pillsbury Company.

The Board has determined that Mrs. Nelson is an independent director under applicable listing standards and the Company’s governance principles. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mrs. Nelson and any other persons pursuant to which Mrs. Nelson was named as a director of the Board. Mrs. Nelson has no direct or indirect material interest in any transaction or proposed transaction required to be reported under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. Mrs. Nelson has been provided an indemnification agreement and will receive compensation in accordance with the Company’s standard arrangements for non-employee directors.

In addition, Mr. Laurent Arthaud and Mr. Alain Godard have informed the Company that they do not intend to stand for reelection at the 2019 annual meeting of the Company’s stockholders. They will continue to serve as directors of the Company until such meeting.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**d. Exhibits**

**Exhibit**

**Number            Description**

99.1            Press Release of Calyxt, Inc. dated January 23, 2019

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Calyxt, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 23, 2019

CALYXT, INC

By: /s/ James Blome

Name: James Blome

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

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**Kimberly Nelson Appointed to Calyxt Board of Directors**

*Kim Nelson is the current Chief Financial Officer of SPS Commerce, serving as a prior Financial Director at Amazon.com, Nestlé USA, Inc. and The Pillsbury Company*

MINNEAPOLIS & ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--January 23, 2019--Calyxt Inc. (NASDAQ: CLXT) a consumer-centric, food- and agriculture-focused Company, announced today that Kimberly Nelson has been appointed to its Board of Directors, effective January 17, 2019.

“Kim has a world class track record as a Fortune 500 Company seasoned executive,” said Dr. André Choulika, Chairman of Calyxt’s Board of Directors. “She has demonstrated great ability to successfully navigate a company’s growth process and provide strategic direction in a depth of areas. I’m confident that she will greatly contribute with fresh insights to the board and help advise Calyxt on its evolving business as its first product, a high oleic soybean oil, is to be commercialized.”

“Drawing on her many years of experience as a highly-regarded professional in the food industry, Kim will bring a unique set of skills and perspective to our company’s business strategy as we think about the larger picture of bringing healthier food ingredients to the American people,” added Jim Blome, CEO of Calyxt. “We are thrilled to have her join our board, and look forward to benefiting from her acumen and expertise.”

Kim Nelson is the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at SPS Commerce, providing financial direction at a number of companies over her 30 years of experience including Amazon.com, Nestlé USA Inc. and The Pillsbury Company. In her current role, Kim has led SPS Commerce to a successful IPO, navigated their company’s growth through creation of their M&A program and continues to oversee their financial systems, controls and models to ensure their financial position is flourishing. In addition to her new position as a Director on Calyxt’s board, she also advises on the Board of Directors for Qumu. Prior to this position, Mrs. Nelson was the Finance Director for Amazon.com in a number of their practice areas such as Corporate Planning and Analysis, Investor Relations and Technology.

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“Living in Minnesota and understanding the importance of the food industry has made me especially fascinated by Calyxt’s marriage of technology and agriculture in order to make health-conscious food ingredients for consumers,” noted Kim Nelson. “I’m honored to be joining the board of such an innovative company, and look forward to working with the team.”

## **About Calyxt**

Calyxt, Inc. is a consumer-centric, food- and agriculture-focused company. Calyxt is pioneering a paradigm shift to deliver healthier food ingredients, such as healthier oils and high fiber wheat, for consumers and crop traits that benefit the environment and reduce pesticide applications, such as disease tolerance, for farmers. Calyxt develops non-transgenic crops leveraging processes that occur in nature by combining its leading gene-editing technology and technical expertise with its innovative commercial strategy. Calyxt is located in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., and is listed on the Nasdaq market (ticker: CLXT).

For further information please visit our website: [www.calyxt.com](http://www.calyxt.com)

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## **Forward-Looking Statements**

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