# 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): May 25, 2021
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# ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

**New York** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1-10113 (Commission File Number) 11-0853640 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

616 N. North Court, Suite 120
Palatine, Illinois 60067
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(847) 705-7709

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	ACUR	OTCQB Market	
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):			
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## Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 25, 2021, we held our Annual Meeting of Shareholders at which the shareholders voted (i) for the election of Immanuel Thangaraj, Bruce F. Wesson, Robert B. Jones, William G. Skelly and George K. Ross to our Board of Directors for one-year terms; (ii) for an advisory resolution to approve executive compensation; (iii) for the adoption of the 2021Restricted Stock Unit Award Plan; and (iv) for the ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the 2021 fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.

The results of the voting with respect to each matter voted upon, as applicable, are set forth below:

#### 1. Election of Directors:

Nominee	For	Withheld	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Immanuel Thangaraj	15,228,432	150,253	3,733,358
Bruce F. Wesson	15,228,212	150,473	3,733,358
Robert B. Jones	15,207,099	171,586	3,733,358
William G. Skelly	15,209,250	169,435	3,733,358
George K. Ross	15,228,854	149,831	3,733,358

#### 2. Advisory Resolution Approving Executive Compensation:

For	Against	Abstentions	Broker Non-Votes
14,991,968	378,542	8,175	3,733,358

#### 3. Adoption of the 2021 RSU Award Plan:

For	Against	Abstentions	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
15,016,374	354,054	8,257	3,733,358

4. Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2021 Fiscal Year:

For	- Aga	ninst Abstentions	Broker Non-Votes
18,908	,846 190,	,289 12,908	0

## **SIGNATURE**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 26, 2021 ACURA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Peter A. Clemens

Peter A. Clemens

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer