

HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC  
Form 8-K  
May 27, 2011

**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, 2011

**HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-33957**  
(Commission

File Number)

**04-3306140**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**84 October Hill Road, Holliston, MA**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (508) 893-8999**

**01746**

**(Zip Code)**

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

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**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

On May 25, 2011, Harvard Bioscience, Inc. (the Company) held its 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting). At the Annual Meeting, the Company's stockholders voted on the following proposals: (i) the election of two Class II Directors for three-year terms, such terms to continue until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2014 and until such Directors' successors are duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal, (ii) the approval of the Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Third Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option and Incentive Plan, (iii) the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, (iv) the approval, by a non-binding advisory vote, of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers and (v) the recommendation, by a non-binding advisory vote, of the frequency of the shareholder vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers. The voting results are reported below.

**Proposal 1 - Election of Directors**

David Green and John F. Kennedy were elected as Class II Directors for three-year terms, such terms to continue until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2014 and until such Directors' successors are duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal. The results of the election were as follows:

| Name            | Votes For  | Votes Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| David Green     | 22,264,882 | 303,333        | 4,398,860        |
| John F. Kennedy | 21,014,474 | 1,553,741      | 4,398,860        |

**Proposal 2 Approval of the Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option and Incentive Plan**

The Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Third Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Option and Incentive Plan was approved. The results of the approval were as follows:

| Votes For  | Votes Against | Votes Abstained | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 16,780,927 | 5,772,506     | 14,782          | 4,398,860        |

**Proposal 3 - Ratification of the Appointment of KPMG LLP**

The appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 was ratified. The results of the ratification were as follows:

| Votes For  | Votes Against | Votes Abstained |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 26,830,127 | 113,706       | 23,242          |

**Proposal 4 Approval, by Non-Binding Advisory Vote, of the Compensation of the Named Executive Officers**

The compensation of the Company's named executive officers was approved, by a non-binding advisory vote, as follows:

| Votes For  | Votes Against | Votes Abstained | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 22,399,565 | 141,727       | 26,923          | 4,398,860        |

***Proposal 5 - Recommendation, by a Non-Binding Advisory Vote, of the Frequency of the Shareholder Vote to Approve the Compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers***

The frequency of the shareholder vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers was recommended to be 1 year, by a non-binding advisory vote, as follows:

| <b>1 Year</b> | <b>2 Years</b> | <b>3 Years</b> | <b>Votes Abstained</b> | <b>Broker Non-Votes</b> |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 21,844,296    | 21,752         | 684,090        | 18,077                 | 4,398,860               |

**SIGNATURE**

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

**HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.**

(Registrant)

**May 27, 2011**  
(Date)

/s/ **THOMAS MCNAUGHTON**  
Thomas McNaughton

*Chief Financial Officer & Principal Accounting Officer*