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

At a meeting of the board of directors (the “Board”) of The Ensign Group, Inc. (the “Company”) held on November 2, 2017, Antoinette T. Hubenette announced her decision to retire from the Board of Directors, effective immediately, to pursue other interests. Ms. Hubenette, who recently retired as a practicing physician from Cedars-Sinai Medical Group in Beverly Hills, California, has served as member of the Company's Board of Directors since June 2003. At the time of her resignation, she was serving as the Chair of the Quality and Assurance Committee.

During the meeting on the same day, the Board of Directors appointed Malene Smith Davis to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Hubenette's resignation. Ms. Davis is currently serving as President and CEO of Capital Caring and West Virginia Caring, both of which are experienced hospice and palliative care providers serving patients and families in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Prior to joining Capital Caring, Ms. Davis served as President and CEO of Hospice Care Corporation (HCC) (now known as West Virginia Caring) in Arthurdale, West Virginia. In 2016, Capital Caring and West Virginia Caring entered into a partnership to improve quality of care in the region they served and Ms. Davis leads both companies as part of the partnership. In addition, Ms. Davis also serves as Chair of the West Virginia University Alumni Association Board of Directors. Ms. Davis received her nursing degree (RN) at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia and holds Masters Degrees in Business Administration (MBA) and Nursing (MSN) from West Virginia University.

Ms. Davis' appointment to the Board was made at the recommendation of the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee and was accompanied by appointments to serve on the Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee, and the Quality and Assurance Committee.

Ms. Davis' compensation for her services as a director will be consistent with that of the Company's other non-employee directors, as described in the Company's proxy statement for its 2017 annual meeting of stockholders filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 13, 2017. There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Davis and any other persons pursuant to which Ms. Davis was selected as a director, and there are no transactions in which Ms. Davis has an interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Also during the November 2, 2017 meeting, the Board made the following appointments to the committees of the Board:

Compensation Committee:

Lee Daniels (chairman)  
Barry Smith  
Daren Shaw

Audit Committee:

Daren Shaw (chairman)  
Lee Daniels  
Barry Smith

Nomination and Corporate Governance Committee:

Barry Smith (chairman)  
Malene Smith Davis  
John Nackel

Quality and Assurance Committee:

John Nackel (chairman)  
Christopher Christensen  
Malene Smith Davis

Special Committee:  
John Nackel (chairman)  
Malene Smith Davis  
Daren Shaw

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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.

Dated: November 6, 2017 THE ENSIGN  
GROUP, INC.  
/s/  
By: Suzanne  
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Snapper  
Chief  
Financial  
Officer