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): March 23, 2017

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-21886 (SEC File Number)

52-0812977 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

8100 N.E. Parkway Drive, Suite 200
Vancouver, Washington98662(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(360) 828-0700

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

(b) On March 23, 2017, Roger L. Johnson, a member of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Barrett Business Services, Inc., notified the Chairman of the Board of his decision to retire from the Board effective as of the date of the annual meeting of stockholders scheduled for June 1, 2017.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

Dated: March 29, 2017

By: /s/ Gary E. Kramer

Gary E. Kramer Vice President-Finance, Treasurer and Secretary