

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 19, 2016  
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): February 10, 2016**

**ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**                      **001-35068**                      **41-2193603**  
(State of incorporation) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**351 Galveston Drive**

**Redwood City, CA 94063**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(650) 216-3500**

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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.**

On February 10, 2016, the Board of Directors of AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) approved a discretionary cash bonus for Howard B. Rosen, the Company’s interim Chief Executive Officer, in the amount of \$175,000 for his 2015 performance. As an interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Rosen is not eligible for any additional bonus under the Company’s 2015 or 2016 cash bonus plans.

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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.

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS,  
INC.  
Date: February 19, 2016

By:                   /s/ Jane  
                          Wright-Mitchell  
                          Jane Wright  
                          Mitchell  
                          Chief Legal  
                          Officer