#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): August 28, 2016

GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization)

000-54389 (Commission File Number) **20-4118216** (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

301 N. Canon Drive, Suite 305 Beverly Hills, CA (Address of principal executive offices)

**90210** (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 273-4222

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

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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

(b) On August 28, 2016, Amy Moynihan Heyward resigned from her position as President of Genius Brands International, Inc. (the "Company"). Ms. Heyward will remain a member of the board of directors of the Company. Ms. Heyward is resigning for family reasons following her maternity leave and not as the result of any disagreement with management or the board of directors.

#### 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.

# GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: August 30, 2016

By: <u>/s/ Andrew Heyward</u> Andrew Heyward Chief Executive Officer