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): March 17, 2022

GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-37950 (Commission File Number) 20-4118216 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

> **190 N. Canon Drive, 4th Fl. Beverly Hills, CA 90210** (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

> > (310) 273-4222

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	GNUS	The Nasdaq Capital Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

As disclosed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on April 6, 2022, by Genius Brands International, Inc. (the "Company"), on March 17, 2022, Karen McTier notified the Company of her decision to resign from the board of directors and move to an employment relationship with the company as a licensing consultant in consumer products, effective as of March 31, 2022.

Ms. McTier's decision was not as a result of any disagreement with the Company on any matters related to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

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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.

GENIUS BRANDS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: May 2, 2022

By: /s/ Andy Heyward Name: Andy Heyward Title: Chief Executive Officer

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