

**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): August 2, 2021

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34630
(Commission
File Number)

04-2739697
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

20 Crosby Drive,
(Address of principal executive offices)

Bedford, MA

01730
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(781) 221-6400**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common stock, \$0.10 par value per share	AZPN	NASDAQ Global Select 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

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.

ther Events.

On August 2, 2021, we issued a press release announcing the election of Jill D. Smith to the position of chair of the board of directors. Ms. Smith succeeds Robert M. Whelan, Jr., who had served as board chair since 2013. Mr. Whelan will remain a member of the board. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued by Aspen Technology, Inc. on August 2, 2021

SIGNATURE

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.

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Date: August 3, 2021

By: /s/ Frederic G. Hammond
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Aspen Technology Announces Jill D. Smith as Newly Elected Board Chair

BEDFORD, Mass. – August 2, 2021 – Aspen Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: AZPN), a global leader in asset optimization software, today announced that Jill D. Smith has been elected board chair. Ms. Smith joined the AspenTech Board of Directors in April 2021. She brings more than 20 years of significant international business leadership experience, having most recently served as president, chief operating officer and director of Allied Minds plc, and prior to that as chairman, CEO and president of DigitalGlobe Inc.

Ms. Smith, who also will be joining the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, replaces Robert M. Whelan, Jr. who has served as chair since 2013. Mr. Whelan will remain a member of the AspenTech Board.

“We are pleased that Jill will be AspenTech’s next chair,” said Antonio Pietri, president and CEO of AspenTech. “Her years of experience and insight will serve the company well as we enter our fifth decade meeting the needs of our customers around the world.” At the same time, we are grateful to Bob Whelan for his years serving as chair. He has been instrumental in helping successfully grow the AspenTech business and I look forward to his continued contributions as a board member.”

“It is a privilege to be elected chair of AspenTech, particularly at such a pivotal time for the industries we serve,” said Smith. “As customers work to improve their operations and meet sustainability goals at the same time, AspenTech’s vision, expertise and innovative solutions are uniquely positioned to help them meet these challenges. Taking on a leadership role in this effort is an honor.”

About Aspen Technology

Aspen Technology (AspenTech) is a global leader in asset optimization software. Its solutions address complex, industrial environments where it is critical to optimize the asset design, operation, and maintenance lifecycle. AspenTech uniquely combines decades of process modelling expertise with artificial intelligence. Its

purpose-built software platform automates knowledge work and builds sustainable competitive advantage by delivering high returns over the entire asset lifecycle. As a result, companies in capital-intensive industries can maximize uptime and push the limits of performance, running their assets safer, greener, longer and faster. Visit [AspenTech.com](https://www.aspentech.com) to find out more.

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