

**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): September 14, 2020

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.

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

We appointed Christopher Stagno to the position of Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer, effective September 14, 2020. Mr. Stagno will serve at an annual salary of \$280,000. Mr. Stagno also will be eligible to participate in the Executive Annual Incentive Bonus Plan for the year ending June 30, 2021, with an annual bonus target of \$112,000, and will receive an equity award equivalent to \$250,000 in value to be allocated as we determine between restricted stock units and stock options.

From October 2018 to June 2020, Mr. Stagno served as Treasurer of Cognex Corporation, a provider of machine vision products that capture and analyze visual information in order to automate manufacturing and distribution tasks where vision is required. From February 2013 to October 2018, Mr. Stagno was Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer at Brightcove Inc., a provider of cloud-based services for video. He served as Vice President, Controller at Brightcove from June 2011 to February 2013. Mr. Stagno is 45 years old.

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: September 18 2020

By: /s/ Frederic G. Hammond

Frederic G. Hammond

Senior Vice President and General Counsel