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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 March 20, 2012, the Compensation Committee, or Committee, of the registrant's Board of Directors and the full Board of Directors held regularly scheduled meetings at which they adopted an annual bonus plan for 2012, the 2012 Plan, for executive officers. The 2012 Plan determines a bonus opportunity of up to 200% of 2012 base salary for Mr. Bolton, our Chief Executive Officer, and up to 100% of 2012 base salary for Messrs. Grimes, our Chief Operating Officer, and Campbell, our Chief Financial Officer, with a modifier that can be applied by the Committee at its discretion, allowing the bonus amount awarded to be lowered or raised by up to 25%. The bonus opportunity is calculated as a percent of salary based on a sliding scale of year-over-year FFO per Share growth. In determining FFO per Share growth, the Committee has the ability to factor in any material and non-recurring events that may occur that impact the registrant's FFO per Share performance.

A copy of the 2012 Plan is set forth on Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits

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Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	2012 Executive Annual Bonus Plan

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 thereunto duly authorized.

**MID-AMERICA APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, INC.**

Date: March 23, 2012 /s/Albert M. Campbell, III

Albert M. Campbell, III

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)