# 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): June 6, 2023

### **XCEL BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-37527 (Commission File Number) 76-0307819 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1333 Broadway, New York, New York (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10018 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (347) 727-2474

#### **Not Applicable**

| (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)   |   |  |  |
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| 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 ( <i>see</i> General Instruction A.2. below):  |   |  |  |
| <ul> <li>□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)</li> <li>□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)</li> <li>□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))</li> <li>□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))</li> </ul> |   |  |  |
| 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 $\square$   |   |  |  |
|   | •   | _  | s elected not to use the extended transition<br>is provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the   |
| Securities registered pursuar   | nt to Section 12(b) of  | f the Act:   |  |
| Title of each class   |   | Trading Symbol   | Name of each exchange on which registered  |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share   |   | XELB   | NASDAQ Global Select Market  |
| If an emerging growth comp<br>period for complying with a<br>Exchange Act. □  Securities registered pursuar   | nany, indicate by chec<br>ny new or revised fir<br>nt to Section 12(b) of | nancial accounting standard f the Act:  Trading Symbol | s provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the section 13(b) of the section |

## Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers' Arrangements of Certain Officers

On June 6, 2023, Michael Francis advised the Board of Directors of Xcel Brands, Inc. (the "Company") that he is resigning as a director of the Company effective June 30, 2023 and that his decision was not based on any disagreements with management, the Company's strategy nor any of the other 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.

#### **XCEL BRANDS, INC.**

(Registrant)

By: /s/ James F. Haran

Name: James F. Haran

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 7, 2022