
**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): **March 12, 2026**

AEROVIRONMENT, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-33261
(Commission File Number)

95-2705790
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

241 18th Street South, Suite 650
Arlington, Virginia
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

22202
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(703) 418-2828**

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)
- 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(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value	AVAV	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

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

On March 12, 2026, Brad Truesdell, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of AeroVironment Inc. (the “Company”), notified the Company of his intention to retire from his employment with the Company effective upon the appointment of his successor. It is expected the Mr. Truesdell will continue in his role, serving as the Company’s principal operating officer, until such time as his successor is in place and responsibilities have been transitioned. The Company is currently conducting a search for a new principal operating officer. After the cessation of his employment with the Company, Mr. Truesdell is expected to serve as a consultant to the Company to continue to provide transition and other services as directed by the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and successor principal operating officer.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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.

AEROVIRONMENT, INC.

Date: March 18, 2026

By: /s/ Melissa Brown

Melissa Brown

Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer &
Corporate Secretary