

**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, 2011**

METABOLIX, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-33133

(Commission File Number)

04-3158289

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

21 Erie Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02139

(Zip Code)

(617) 583-1700

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Effective June 6, 2010, Barbara H. Wells, Ph.D. has been elected to the Board of Directors of Metabolix, Inc. (the "Company"). Dr. Wells will serve as a Class II Director until the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until her successor is duly elected and qualified. Dr. Wells is President and Chief Executive Officer of Arborgen.

Dr. Wells will receive the customary compensation paid to the Company's non-employee directors, which currently consists of an annual retainer of \$30,000. In addition, under the Company's 2006 Stock Option and Incentive Plan, each non-employee Director, when he or she is first elected to serve as a Director, is granted a fully vested nonqualified stock option to acquire 20,000 shares of stock and, after each annual meeting of stockholders, will automatically be granted an additional non-qualified stock option to acquire 10,000 shares of stock, which will vest one year after the date of grant. All of these stock options will have an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the stock on the date the stock option is granted.

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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.

METABOLIX, INC.

Date: June 7, 2011

By: /s/ Joseph D. Hill
Joseph D. Hill

