# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

| FORM 8-K       |
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| CURRENT REPORT |

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 8, 2023

## CANDEL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-40629
(Commission File Number)

52-2214851

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

117 Kendrick St., Suite 450 Needham, MA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02494 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (617) 916-5445

Not Applicable (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:   |  |                      |   |  |  |  |  |
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|   | 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)                 |                      |   |  |  |  |  |
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|   | Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) |                      |   |  |  |  |  |
| Secu  | Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:  |                      |   |  |  |  |  |
|   | Title of each class  | Trading<br>Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |  |  |  |  |
|   | Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share   | CADL                 | The Nasdaq Global 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 $oxtimes$   |  |                      |   |  |  |  |  |
| 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. $\Box$ |  |                      |   |  |  |  |  |
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#### **Item 5.08. Shareholder Director Nominations**

On May 8, 2023, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Candel Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") set Wednesday, June 28, 2023 as the date of its 2023 annual meeting of stockholders (the "2023 Annual Meeting"). The Board has established Friday, May 19, 2023 as the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the 2023 Annual Meeting. All other relevant information concerning the 2023 Annual Meeting will be included in the Company's 2023 Annual Meeting proxy statement, which will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and become available to the Company's stockholders at a later date.

The date of the 2023 Annual Meeting will be more than 30 days from the anniversary of the Company's 2022 annual meeting of stockholders. Accordingly, the deadline for submission of proposals by stockholders for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials ("Stockholder Notice") in accordance with Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the Company's amended and restated bylaws (the "Bylaws"), will be 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, May 19, 2023. Any Stockholder Notice must also meet the requirements set forth in the rules and regulations of the Exchange Act in order to be eligible for inclusion in the proxy materials for the 2023 Annual Meeting. Any Stockholder Notice must comply with the specific requirements set forth in the Bylaws in order to be considered at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Any such proposal shall be mailed to: 117 Kendrick St., Suite 450 Needham, MA, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

In addition, to comply with the universal proxy rules, stockholders who intend to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than our nominees must provide notice that sets forth the information required by Rule 14a-19 under the Exchange Act.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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| (d) Exhibits      |             |  |
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| Exhibit<br>Number | Description |  |

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Candel Therapeutics, Inc.

Date: May 9, 2023

By: /s/ Paul Peter Tak

Paul Peter Tak, M.D., Ph.D., FMedSci President and Chief Executive Officer