

**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): May 20, 2026

KADANT INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-11406
(Commission File Number)

52-1762325
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**One Technology Park Drive
Westford, Massachusetts 01886**
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(978) 776-2000
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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:

- 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 Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	KAI	New York Stock Exchange

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.

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Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 20, 2026, Kadant Inc. (the Company) held its 2026 annual meeting of stockholders (2026 annual meeting). At the meeting, the Company's stockholders voted on the following proposals:

1. The stockholders elected two nominees, Dr. John M. Albertine and Mr. Thomas C. Leonard, to the class of directors whose three-year term expires at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders in 2029. The stockholders cast 9,217,159 shares in favor and 1,205,246 shares against Dr. Albertine's election. In addition, 3,364 shares abstained and 385,638 broker non-votes were recorded, which had no effect on the outcome of the vote. The stockholders cast 9,747,833 shares in favor and 670,294 shares against Mr. Leonard's election. In addition, 7,642 shares abstained and 385,638 broker non-votes were recorded, which had no effect on the outcome of the vote.
 2. The stockholders approved a non-binding advisory resolution on the executive compensation of the Company's named executive officers. The stockholders cast 9,830,900 shares in favor and 585,880 shares against this proposal. In addition, 8,989 shares abstained and 385,638 broker non-votes were recorded, which had no effect on the outcome of the vote.
 3. The stockholders ratified the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered accounting firm for the 2026 fiscal year. The stockholders cast 10,752,267 shares in favor and 51,038 shares against this proposal. In addition, 8,102 shares abstained, which had no effect on the outcome of the vote.
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

KADANT INC.

Date: May 26, 2026

By: /s/ Michael J. McKenney

Michael J. McKenney
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer