
**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): January 25, 2012

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-06033
(Commission
File Number)

36-2675207
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

77 W. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL
(Address of principal executive offices)

60601
(Zip Code)

(312) 997-8000
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On January 25, 2012, W. James Farrell notified United Continental Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) of his decision to retire from the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Company at the conclusion of his current term. As a result, Mr. Farrell will not stand for re-election to the Board at the Company’s 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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.

UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Brett J. Hart

Name: Brett J. Hart

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: January 27, 2012