

# WOODWARD, INC.

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**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): April 22, 2026**

**WOODWARD, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-39265**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-1984010**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1081 Woodward Way**  
**Fort Collins, Colorado 80524**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(970) 482-5811**  
(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)
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- 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, par value \$0.001455 per share	WWD	Nasdaq Global Select 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

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 April 22, 2026, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Woodward, Inc. (“Woodward” or the “Company”) elected Frederico F. Curado to serve on the Board, effective June 1, 2026. Mr. Curado was also appointed to the Board’s Audit Committee, effective as of the same date. Mr. Curado will serve in the class of directors with a term ending at Woodward’s next annual meeting of stockholders, which is expected to be held in or about January 2027, and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified. In connection with Mr. Curado joining the Board, the Board increased the authorized number of directors from nine to 10.

Mr. Curado will receive compensation as provided for in the Company’s Outside Director Compensation Policy, filed as Exhibit 10.18 to the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2025. Mr. Curado was not selected as a director pursuant to any arrangement or understanding between himself and any other person.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On April 24, 2026, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. Curado to the Board. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information contained in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

[99.1](#) [Press Release of Woodward, Inc. dated April 24, 2026](#)  
104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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**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.

**Woodward, Inc.**

Dated: April 24, 2026

By: /s/ Karrie M. Bem

Karrie M. Bem

Executive Vice President, General Counsel,

Corporate Secretary, and Chief Compliance Officer

## Woodward Elects Frederico Fleury Curado to Its Board of Directors

**Curado is a distinguished global executive who brings CEO and board experience across industrial, energy, and aerospace markets**

FORT COLLINS, Colo., April 24, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Woodward (NASDAQ: WWD), a world leader in the design and manufacture of aerospace and industrial controls, today announced the election of Frederico Fleury Curado to its Board of Directors and its Audit Committee, effective June 1, 2026. Curado brings more than four decades of leadership experience in industrial and aerospace companies.

“Fred is a proven global business leader who has helped complex organizations improve performance and sharpen strategy,” said Chip Blankenship, Chair and CEO of Woodward. “His deep experience across industrial, energy, and aerospace markets, along with a strong track record in governance and his global experience, will be valuable as we pursue our long-term growth strategy and create value for our company, our customers, and stockholders.”

Curado most recently served as Chief Executive Officer of Ultrapar S.A. from 2017 to 2021. During his tenure, he led a comprehensive portfolio optimization strategy that repositioned the company around its core energy and infrastructure businesses, enabling greater focus and capital allocation to its fuel distribution, LPG, and logistics platforms. Prior to Ultrapar, Curado served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Embraer S.A. from 2007-2016. During his tenure, Curado helped transform Embraer from a regional jet manufacturer into a diversified global aerospace leader, overseeing the development of the E-Jets E2, Legacy 450/500 and KC-390 Millennium programs. Earlier in his career, Curado held senior leadership roles in the aerospace sector, where he developed a strong reputation for operational excellence, international market expansion, and disciplined capital management.

Curado’s board and executive leadership experience spans governance, compensation, audit oversight, environmental, and safety matters, bringing practical oversight experience to Woodward’s Board.

He currently serves on the boards of ABB Ltd. (Chair, Compensation Committee), LATAM Airlines Group S.A. (Chair, Audit Committee), and Transocean Ltd. (Compensation Committee and Chair, Governance, Safety & Environment Committee).

### **About Woodward**

Woodward is the global leader in the design, manufacture, and service of energy conversion and control solutions for the aerospace and industrial equipment markets. Our purpose is to design and deliver energy control solutions our partners count on to power a clean future. Our innovative fluid, combustion, electrical, propulsion, and motion control systems perform in some of the world’s harshest environments. Woodward is a global company headquartered in Fort Collins, Colorado, USA. Visit our website at [www.woodward.com](http://www.woodward.com).

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