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Form 8-K August 23, 2013

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): August 19, 2013

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 001-31775 86-1062192
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) File Number) (IRS employer identification number)

14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100

Dallas, Texas 75254
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 490-9600

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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) Departure of Director

On August 19, 2013, Mr. W. Michael Murphy and Mr. Douglas A. Kessler each announced his conditional resignation from the board of directors of Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc., effective if, and only if, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. completes the anticipated spin-off of Ashford Hospitality Prime, Inc. The Company anticipates that the spin-off will be completed near the end of the third quarter of 2013.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 23, 2013

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ David A. Brooks
David A. Brooks
Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel