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): June 10, 2021

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-33796 (Commission File Number) 26-0630461 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

520 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor <u>New York, New York</u> (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 626-2300

(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 Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | CIM | New York Stock Exchange |
| 8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock | CIM PRA | New York Stock Exchange |
| 8.00% Series B Cumulative Fixed-to-Floating Rate Redeemable Preferred Stock | CIM PRB | New York Stock Exchange |
| 7.75% Series C Cumulative Fixed-to-Floating Rate Redeemable Preferred Stock | CIM PRC | New York Stock Exchange |
| 8.00% Series D Cumulative Fixed-to-Floating Rate Redeemable Preferred Stock | CIM PRD | 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 \Box

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.

<u>10022</u> (Zip Code)

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) Appointment of New Independent Director

Chimera Investment Corporation (the "<u>Company</u>") announced today that Kevin G. Chavers has been appointed to the Company's Board of Directors (the "<u>Board</u>"). Mr. Chavers will serve as Chair of the Compensation Committee and on the Risk Committee of the Board.

Mr. Chavers will be compensated in accordance with the Company's standard compensation policies and practices for the Board, the components of which were disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on April 27, 2021.

Mr. Chavers has entered into the Company's standard indemnification agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 5, 2015. There are no other arrangements or understandings between Mr. Chavers and any other person pursuant to which he was appointed to the Board. There are also no family relationships between Mr. Chavers and any director or executive officer of the Company and Mr. Chavers does not have any direct or indirect material interest in any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

A copy of the Company's press release (the "Press Release") announcing the matters described under Item 5.02 above is attached hereto and furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

The Press Release is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, 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 shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

| Item 9.01. | Financial | Statements | and | Exhibits. |
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(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| <u>99.1</u> | Press Release, dated June 10, 2021. |
| 104 | Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document) |

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.

CHIMERA INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Date: June 10, 2021

By: /s/ Phillip J. Kardis II

Name:Phillip J. Kardis IITitle:Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

Chimera Appoints New Board Member Kevin G. Chavers

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 10, 2021--Chimera Investment Corporation, Inc. (NYSE:CIM) (the "Company") announced today that Kevin G. Chavers has been appointed to the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Chavers will serve as Chair of the Compensation Committee and on the Risk Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

Mr. Chavers has over 34 years of experience across multiple roles in the real estate finance and mortgage industry. He served as Managing Director of BlackRock in the Global Fixed Income and Securitized Asset Investment Team until April 2021, focusing on residential mortgage related assets, including RMBS, whole loans and MSRs. Mr. Chavers also served on the leadership team of BlackRock Impact Opportunity Fund, the Global Public Policy Group and BlackRock Solutions, Financial Markets Advisory Group. Prior to joining BlackRock, Mr. Chavers served as Managing Director of Morgan Stanley from 2003 to 2011 and Vice President of Goldman Sachs from 1998 to 2003. Mr. Chavers also served at various government agencies, including as the President of Ginnie Mae from 1995 to 1998.

Mr. Chavers currently serves as a board member of SMBC Americas Holdings, Inc. In addition, Mr. Chavers serves as a board member of various nonprofit organizations, including the Enterprise Community Partners, the University of Virginia Foundation, Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone, and the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation. Mr. Chavers earned a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor's Degree from University of Virginia.

"We are pleased to welcome Kevin to our Board," said Gerry Creagh, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "Kevin has a broad range of expertise in the real estate finance and mortgage industry, and we believe Chimera will benefit greatly from his experience and perspective."

About Chimera Investment Corporation

We are a publicly traded REIT that is primarily engaged in the business of investing, on a leveraged basis, in a diversified portfolio of real estate assets, including mortgage loans, Non-Agency RMBS, Agency CMBS, Agency RMBS, and other real estate assets.

Please visit www.chimerareit.com for additional information about the Company.

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