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): October 1, 2018

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

Commission File No. 001-11261

Incorporated under the laws of South Carolina

I.R.S. Employer Identification No. 57-0248420

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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)
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Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

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

Theresa Drew was elected to the Sonoco Board of Directors on October 1, 2018.

Ms. Drew, 61, is managing partner for the Carolinas Practice of Deloitte LLP, where she is currently responsible for the strategic direction of Deloitte's activities across North and South Carolina serving clients in a variety of industries, including manufacturing, consumer business and hospitality. Ms. Drew joined Deloitte in 1979 and became a partner in 1991. She served in a variety of leadership roles, including managing partner of the San Diego practice and audit partner-in-charge in Phoenix before assuming leadership of the Carolinas practice in 2011.

With the election of Ms. Drew, Sonoco has increased its board of directors to 13 members. Ms. Drew has been appointed to serve on the Financial Policy and Employee and Public Responsibility Committees of the Board, and she is expected to join the Audit Committee at a later date.

The Company has not entered into any material contracts, plans or arrangements with Ms. Drew. There are no family relationships between Ms. Drew and any other executive officer or director of the Company, and there are no arrangements or understandings pursuant to which she has been appointed. There are no transactions between the Company and Ms. Drew that would constitute related person transactions under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99News Release dated October 1, 2018, announcing Theresa Drew's Election to Sonoco's Board of Directors

SIGNATURE

Date: October 3, 2018

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.

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

By: /s/ Barry L. Saunders

Barry L. Saunders

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



NEWS RELEASE

October 1, 2018 Contact:Roger Schrum +843-339-6018 roger.schrum@sonoco.com

Theresa Drew Elected to Sonoco's Board of Directors

HARTSVILLE, S.C., U.S. - Theresa Drew, managing partner for the Carolinas Practice of Deloitte LLP, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Sonoco Products Company (NYSE: SON), effective today. With the election, Sonoco has increased its board of directors to 13 members.

Harris E. DeLoach, Jr., executive chairman of Sonoco, said, "We are very pleased to have Theresa joining Sonoco's Board as she brings deep accounting, finance and governance experience to the Company. As a financial expert, she will be joining the Board's Audit Committee and will also be a member of the Employee and Public Responsibility Committee."

Drew, 61, has nearly four decades of accounting experience with Deloitte and is currently responsible for the strategic direction of Deloitte's activities across North and South Carolina serving clients in a variety of industries, including manufacturing, consumer business and hospitality. Since assuming leadership of the Carolinas practice in 2011, she has overseen the growth of the practice from 600 to more than 1,700 professionals. Drew became a partner with Deloitte in 1991, and has served in a variety of leadership roles, including managing partner of the San Diego practice and audit partner-in-charge in Phoenix. She joined Deloitte in 1979, after graduating summa cum laude from Northern Arizona University with a B.S. in accountancy. Drew is a Certified Public Accountant and was honored by the North Carolina Association of CPAs with the 2016 Woman to Watch Experienced Leader Award, crediting her as a pioneer in the advancement of women leaders.

Drew resides in Charlotte, N.C., and is a member of the Charlotte Executive Leadership Council, the International Women's Forum and the National Association of Corporate Directors. She has served on multiple boards of non-profit organizations, including currently serving as a trustee of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. She was recognized by Queens University as the 2017 Charlotte Business Woman of the Year and by the Charlotte Business Journal as a Most Admired CEO.

About Sonoco

Founded in 1899, Sonoco (NYSE: SON) is a global provider of a variety of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging, and displays and packaging supply chain services. With annualized net sales of approximately \$5 billion, the Company has 21,000 employees working in approximately 300 operations in 33 countries, serving some of the world's best known brands in some 85 nations. Sonoco is committed to *Better Packaging*. *Better Life*., and ranked first in the Packaging sector on Fortune's World's Most Admired Companies 2018 list. For more information, visit www.sonoco.com.

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