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): May 3, 2018

Appian Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-38098

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

54-1956084

11955 Democracy Drive, Suite 1700, Reston, Virginia (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (703) 442-8844

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 (see General Instructions A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) 0

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) 0

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) 0

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) 0

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 x

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. o

20190 (Zip Code)

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 3, 2018, Appian Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, as well as information regarding a conference call to discuss these financial results and the Company's recent business highlights and financial outlook. The Company's press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information included in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for 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, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number 99.1

Press release dated May 3, 2018.

Description

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Appian Corporation

Date: May 3, 2018

By:

/s/ Mark Lynch

Mark Lynch Chief Financial Officer

Appian

Appian Announces First Quarter 2018 Financial Results

Subscription revenue increased 36% year-over-year to \$25.5 million Total revenue increased 35% year-over-year to \$51.7 million

Reston, VA - May 3, 2018 - Appian (NASDAQ: APPN) today announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2018.

"At our global user conference last week, we announced native artificial intelligence capabilities and an Intelligent Contact Center application. These features help clients offer better service to their customers," said Matt Calkins, CEO & Founder.

First Quarter 2018 Financial Highlights:

- **Revenue:** Subscription revenue was \$25.5 million for the first quarter of 2018, up 36% compared to the first quarter of 2017. Total subscriptions, software and support revenue was \$27.0 million for the first quarter of 2018, an increase of 26% year over year. Professional services revenue was \$24.7 million for the first quarter of 2018, an increase of 46% year over year. Total revenue was \$51.7 million for the first quarter of 2018, up 35% compared to the first quarter of 2017. Subscription revenue retention rate was 119% as of March 31, 2018.
- **Operating loss and non-GAAP operating loss:** GAAP operating loss was \$(10.2) million for the first quarter of 2018, compared to \$(3.5) million for the first quarter of 2017. Non-GAAP operating loss was \$(8.0) million for the first quarter of 2018, compared to \$(3.5) million for the first quarter of 2017.
- Net loss and non-GAAP net loss: GAAP net loss was \$(9.6) million for the first quarter of 2018, compared to \$(3.4) million for the first quarter of 2017. GAAP net loss per share attributable to common stockholders was \$(0.16) for the first quarter of 2018 based on 60.9 million weighted-average shares outstanding, compared to \$(0.10) for the first quarter of 2017 based on 34.3 million weighted-average shares outstanding. Non-GAAP net loss was \$(7.3) million for the first quarter of 2018, compared to \$(3.4) million for the first quarter of 2017. Non-GAAP net loss per share was \$(0.12) for the first quarter of 2018, based on 60.9 million basic and diluted shares outstanding, compared to \$(0.06) for the first quarter of 2017, based on 52.4 million basic and diluted shares outstanding.
- **Balance sheet and cash flows:** As of March 31 2018, Appian had cash and cash equivalents of \$60.9 million. Cash used in operating activities was \$(13.8) million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 compared to \$3.7 million of cash flow from operating activities for the same period in 2017.

A reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP financial measures has been provided in the tables following the financial statements in this press release. An explanation of these measures is also included below under the heading "Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

First Quarter 2018 Business Highlights:

- Signed a global agreement with Banco Santander, the largest bank in the Eurozone by market capitalization. Banco Santander will leverage Appian's platform in the cloud for enterprise process improvement.
- Named a leader by Forrester Research, Inc. in the analyst firm's "The Forrester Wave: Cloud-Based Dynamic Case Management, Q1 2018" report. Appian received the highest score in the "Current Offering" category and among the

highest scores in the "Strategy" category in the report. Appian also achieved the highest score possible in the "Market approach" and "Planned enhancements" criteria.

- Extended a strategic alliance relationship with VASS with executive commitments to grow in new markets and acquire new customers.
- Frost & Sullivan named Appian top 2018 Digital Transformation Platform in Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals for its cloud-based, low code software application platform.

Financial Outlook:

As of May 3, 2018, guidance for the second quarter 2018 and full year 2018 is as follows:

- Second Quarter 2018 Guidance:
 - Subscription revenue is expected to be in the range of \$25.8 million and \$26.0 million, representing year-over-year growth of between 30% and 31%.
 - Total revenue is expected to be in the range of \$50.2 million and \$50.4 million, representing year-over-year growth of between 16% and 17%.
 - Non-GAAP operating loss is expected to be in the range of \$(10.5) million and \$(10.1) million.
 - Non-GAAP net loss per share is expected to be in the range of \$(0.18) and \$(0.17). This assumes 61.4 million weighted average common shares outstanding.
- Full Year 2018 Guidance:
 - Subscription revenue is now expected to be in the range of \$107.6 million and \$108.6 million, representing year-over-year growth of between 30% and 31%.
 - Total revenue is now expected to be in the range of \$202.0 million and \$205.0 million, representing year-over-year growth of between 14% and 16%.
 - Non-GAAP operating loss is now expected to be in the range of \$(38.9) million and \$(36.9) million.
 - Non-GAAP net loss per share is now expected to be in the range of \$(0.64) and \$(0.61). This assumes 61.6 million non-GAAP weighted average common shares outstanding.

Conference Call Details:

Appian will host a conference call today, May 3, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. ET to discuss the Company's financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2018 and business outlook.

The live webcast of the conference call can be accessed on the Investor Relations page of the Company's website at http://investors.appian.com. To access the call, please dial (877) 407-0792 in the U.S. or (201) 689-8263 internationally. Following the call, an archived webcast will be available at the same location on the Investor Relations page. A telephone replay will be available for one week at (844) 512-2921 in the U.S. or (412) 317-6671 internationally with recording access code 13678551.

About Appian

Appian (NASDAQ: APPN) provides a leading low-code software development platform that enables organizations to rapidly develop powerful and unique applications. The applications created on Appian's platform help companies drive digital transformation and competitive differentiation. For more information, visit www.appian.com.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement its consolidated financial statements, which are prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP, Appian provides investors with certain non-GAAP financial measures, including non-GAAP operating loss, non-GAAP net loss, non-GAAP net loss per share and non-GAAP weighted average shares outstanding. The presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for, or superior to, the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP, and Appian's non-GAAP measures may be different from non-GAAP

measures used by other companies. For more information on these non-GAAP financial measures, please see the reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their nearest comparable GAAP measures at the end of this press release.

Appian uses these non-GAAP financial measures for financial and operational decision-making and as a means to evaluate period-to-period comparisons. Appian's management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful supplemental information regarding Appian's performance by excluding certain expenses that may not be indicative of its recurring core business operating results. Appian believes that both management and investors benefit from referring to these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing Appian's performance and when planning, forecasting, and analyzing future periods. These non-GAAP financial measures also facilitate management's internal comparisons to historical performance as well as comparisons to competitors' operating results. Appian believes these non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors both because (1) they allow for greater transparency with respect to measures used by management in its financial and operational decision-making and (2) they are used by Appian's institutional investors and the analyst community to help them analyze the health of Appian's business.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements. All statements contained in this press release other than statements of historical facts, including statements regarding Appian's future financial and business performance for the second quarter and full-year 2018, future investment by Appian in its go-to-market initiatives, increased demand for the Appian platform, market opportunity and plans and objectives for future operations, including Appian's ability to drive continued subscription revenue and total revenue growth, are forward-looking statements. The words "anticipate," believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "will" and similar expressions are intended to identify forwardlooking statements. Appian has based these forward-looking statements on its current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that Appian believes may affect its financial condition, results of operations, business strategy, short-term and long-term business operations and objectives and financial needs. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including the risks and uncertainties associated with Appian's ability to grow its business and manage its growth, Appian's ability to sustain its revenue growth rate, continued market acceptance of Appian's platform and adoption of low-code solutions to drive digital transformation, the fluctuation of Appian's operating results due to the length and variability of its sales cycle, competition in the markets in which Appian operates, risks and uncertainties associated with the composition and concentration of Appian's customer base and their demand for its platform and satisfaction with the services provided by Appian, the potential fluctuation of Appian's future quarterly results of operations, Appian's ability to shift its revenue towards subscriptions and away from professional services, Appian's ability to operate in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, Appian's strategic relationships with third parties and use of third-party licensed software and its platform's compatibility with third-party applications, and the timing of Appian's recognition of subscription revenue which may delay the effect of near term changes in sales on its operating results, and the additional risks and uncertainties set forth in the "Risk Factors" section of Appian's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 23, 2018 and other reports that Appian has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Moreover, Appian operates in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time. It is not possible for Appian's management to predict all risks, nor can Appian assess the impact of all factors on its business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements Appian may make. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, Appian cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance, achievements or events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will occur. Appian is under no duty to update any of these forward-looking statements after the date of this press release to conform these statements to actual results or revised expectations, except as required by law.

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APPIAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

		As of March 31, 2018		As of December 31, 2017	
		(unaudited)			
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	60,876	\$	73,758	
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$400		52,518		55,315	
Deferred commissions, current		9,247		9,117	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		7,094		7,032	
Total current assets		129,735		145,222	
Property and equipment, net		3,359		2,663	
Deferred commissions, net of current portion		11,931		12,376	
Deferred tax assets		240		281	
Other assets		533		510	
Total assets	\$	145,798	\$	161,052	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable	\$	2,713	\$	5,226	
Accrued expenses		7,059		6,467	
Accrued compensation and related benefits		8,932		12,075	
Deferred revenue, current		68,753		70,165	
Other current liabilities		1,419		1,182	
Total current liabilities		88,876		95,115	
Deferred tax liabilities		12		87	
Deferred revenue, net of current portion		17,055		18,922	
Other long-term liabilities		1,227		1,404	
Total liabilities		107,170		115,528	
Stockholders' equity					
Class A common stock—par value \$0.0001; 500,000,000 shares authorized and 18,891,315 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2018; 500,000,000 shares authorized and 13,030,081 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2017	2	2		1	
Class B common stock—par value \$0.0001; 100,000,000 shares authorized and 42,318,846 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2018; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 47,569,796 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2017		4		5	
Additional paid-in capital		144,490		141,268	
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income		(126)		439	
Accumulated deficit		(105,742)		(96,189)	
Total stockholders' equity		38,628		45,524	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	145,798	\$	161,052	

APPIAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Three Mont	ıs Ende	Ended March 31,	
	2018		2017	
Revenue:				
Subscriptions, software and support	\$ 26,952	2 \$	21,444	
Professional services	24,744		16,885	
Total revenue	51,690		38,329	
Cost of revenue:				
Subscriptions, software and support	2,628	i	2,062	
Professional services	18,422		10,628	
Total cost of revenue	21,049	,	12,690	
Gross profit	30,642		25,639	
Operating expenses:				
Sales and marketing	22,964	ł	17,003	
Research and development	9,870	i	7,300	
General and administrative	8,060		4,849	
Total operating expenses	40,894	+	29,152	
Operating loss	(10,242)	(3,513)	
Other (income) expense:				
Other (income), net	(918)	(499)	
Interest expense	13	i	256	
Total other (income)	(905))	(243)	
Net loss before income taxes	(9,342	:)	(3,270)	
Income tax expense	211		125	
Net loss	(9,553)	(3,395	
Accretion of dividends on convertible preferred stock	-		214	
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (9,553	3) \$	(3,609)	
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders:		_		
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.16	5) \$	(0.10)	
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic and diluted	60,850,521		34,274,718	

APPIAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES STOCK BASED COMPENSATION EXPENSE (in thousands) (unaudited)

		Three Months Ended March 31,		
	—	2018		2017
Cost of revenue				
Subscriptions, software and support	\$	110	\$	_
Professional services		220		_
Operating expenses				
Sales and marketing		507		_
Research and development		391		_
General and administrative		1,012		
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$	2,240	\$	

APPIAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)

		Three Months Ended March 31,			
		2018		2017	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net loss	\$	(9,553)	\$	(3,395	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		268		219	
Deferred income taxes		76		_	
Stock-based compensation		2,240		_	
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		1,932		14,304	
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(1,085)		(2,771	
Deferred commissions		315		(741	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(2,161)		(3,860	
Accrued compensation and related benefits		(2,743)		(1,408	
Other current liabilities		909		100	
Deferred revenue		(3,849)		1,393	
Other long-term liabilities		(182)		(136	
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(13,833)		3,705	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchases of property and equipment		(1,036)		(105	
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,036)		(105	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Proceeds from exercise of common stock options		983			
Net cash provided by financing activities		983		_	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		1,004		16	
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(12,882)		3,616	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		73,758		31,143	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	60,876	\$	34,759	
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:					
Cash paid for interest	\$	8	\$	248	
Cash paid for income taxes	\$	57	\$	54	
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash financing activities:					
Accretion of dividends on convertible preferred stock	\$	—	\$	214	
Deferred offering costs included in accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	_	\$	1,251	

APPIAN CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES RECONCILIATION OF GAAP MEASURES TO NON-GAAP MEASURES

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	 Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2018		2017
Reconciliation of non-GAAP operating loss:			
GAAP operating loss	\$ (10,247)	\$	(3,513)
Add back:			
Stock-based compensation expense	2,240		—
Non-GAAP operating loss	\$ (8,007)	\$	(3,513)
Reconciliation of non-GAAP net loss:			
GAAP net loss	\$ (9,553)	\$	(3,395)
Add back:			
Stock-based compensation expense	2,240		_
Non-GAAP net loss	\$ (7,313)	\$	(3,395)
Non-GAAP earnings per share:			
Non-GAAP net loss	\$ (7,313)	\$	(3,395)
Non-GAAP weighted average shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	60,850,521		52,437,876
Non-GAAP net loss per share, basic and diluted	\$ (0.12)	\$	(0.06)
Reconciliation of non-GAAP net loss per share, basic and diluted:			
GAAP net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted Add back:	\$ (0.16)	\$	(0.10)
Non-GAAP adjustments to net loss per share	0.04		0.04
Non-GAAP net loss per share, basic and diluted	\$ (0.12)	\$	(0.06)
Reconciliation of non-GAAP weighted average shares outstanding, basic and diluted:			
GAAP weighted average shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	60,850,521		34,274,718
Add back:			
Additional weighted average shares giving effect to conversion of preferred stock at the beginning of the period	_		18,163,158
Non-GAAP weighted average shares used to compute net loss per share, basic and diluted	 60,850,521		52,437,876