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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 1, 2024**

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**Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**814-00995**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**80-0789789**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400**  
**New York New York**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**10017**  
(Zip Code)

**(212) 813-4900**  
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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	CGBD	The Nasdaq Global Select Market
8.20% Notes due 2028	CGBDL	The 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.

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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.**

On March 1, 2024, Aren C. LeeKong informed Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. (the “Company”) that he is resigning from the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) and his positions as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, in each case effective March 1, 2024, to pursue other opportunities. Carlyle and the Board thank him for his efforts and wish him the best for the future.

On March 1, 2024, the Board appointed Justin Plouffe as a Class II Director of the Company and its President and Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately.

Justin Plouffe, 47, is a Managing Director and the Deputy Chief Investment Officer of Carlyle Global Credit. Mr. Plouffe focuses on investing across Carlyle’s credit strategies as well as capital formation and management of the overall credit platform. Mr. Plouffe serves as a Trustee and portfolio manager for Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund, a closed-end investment company structured as an interval fund, that invests across Carlyle’s Global Credit platform. He also sits on several investment committees within Carlyle’s Global Credit platform. Since joining Carlyle in 2007, Mr. Plouffe has overseen CLO new issuance, led acquisitions of corporate credit management platforms, served as a portfolio manager for structured credit investments, developed proprietary portfolio management analytics and negotiated a wide variety of financing facilities. Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Plouffe was an attorney at Ropes & Gray LLP. He has also served as a clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and as a legislative assistant to a U.S. Congressman. Mr. Plouffe received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was an editor of The Columbia Law Review. He is a CFA charterholder, holds Series 7, 24, 57, 63, 79 and 99 licenses, and is the Chief Executive Officer of TCG Securities, L.L.C., the SEC-registered broker/dealer affiliate of The Carlyle Group.

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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

CARLYLE SECURED LENDING, INC.  
(Registrant)

Dated: March 1, 2024

By: /s/ Joshua Lefkowitz  
Name: Joshua Lefkowitz  
Title: Secretary