

**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): August 25, 2022

BLINK CHARGING CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-38392
(Commission
File Number)

03-0608147
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

605 Lincoln Road, 5th Floor
Miami Beach, Florida
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

33139
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (305) 521-0200

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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	BLNK	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Common Stock Purchase Warrants	BLNKW	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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))

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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Blink Charging Co.

August 25, 2022

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

Election of Cedric L. Richmond as Director

On August 25, 2022, Cedric L. Richmond was elected to our Board of Directors.

Cedric L. Richmond, age 48, is the former Senior Advisor to the Executive Office of the President of the United States and Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement in the Biden Administration, serving in such positions from January 2021 to May 2022. Currently, Mr. Richmond is the President of Richmond & Company, LLC, a governmental affairs consulting firm founded in May 2022.

Prior to joining the Biden Administration in January 2021, Mr. Richmond served as a Member of the United States House of Representatives, representing Louisiana's Second District, from January 2011 to January 2021. While serving in the United States House of Representatives, Mr. Richmond served on the Committee on Small Business,

the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Ways and Means. Mr. Richmond was also elected as the youngest person to ever serve as the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, serving in such position from January 2017 to January 2019. From 2000 to 2010, Mr. Richmond served as a Member of the Louisiana House of Representatives where he represented the 101st District.

Mr. Richmond received a B.A. degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting from Morehouse College, a J.D. degree from Tulane University School of Law and is a graduate of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Program for Senior Executives in Government. Mr. Richmond has also received honorary doctorate degrees from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Our Board of Directors believes that Mr. Richmond's extensive experience in government service, insight into regulatory affairs, and his expertise in governance, oversight and ethics gained through service in the public sector, bring unique and valuable perspective to our Board and our company.

Mr. Richmond will serve on our Board's environmental, social and governance (ESG) committee.

During the last two years, there have been no transactions or proposed transactions by us in which Mr. Richmond has had or is to have a direct or indirect material interest, and there are no family relationships between Mr. Richmond and any of our executive officers or other directors.

Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Richmond is "independent," as independence is defined in the listing rules for the Nasdaq Stock Market.

With the addition of Mr. Richmond, our Board of Directors currently consists of eight members.

We issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. Richmond to our Board of Directors on August 31, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The exhibits listed in the following Exhibit Index are filed as part of this current report.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued by Blink Charging Co., dated August 31, 2022.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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.

BLINK CHARGING CO.

Dated: August 31, 2022

By: /s/ Michael D. Farkas
Name: Michael D. Farkas
Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer



Blink Charging Elects Former Top White House Advisor and Member of Congress Cedric Richmond to its Board of Directors

The former Representative brings decades of government and business experience to the Blink Board

Miami, Fla. (August 31, 2022) –**Blink Charging Co.** (Nasdaq: BLNK, BLNKW) (“Blink” or the “Company”), a leading owner and operator of electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment and services, is pleased to announce the election of former senior advisor to President Biden and former Congressman, Cedric Richmond, to the Blink Board of Directors by the board on August 25, 2022, adding decades of public policy knowledge and insights to the highly experienced Blink board.

Richmond, a distinguished former member of the United States House of Representatives, and founder of the governmental affairs consulting firm, Richmond & Company is known for his foresight, keen political intuition, and his commonsense approach to business, policy, and government. As a result of this expertise and experience, Richmond is uniquely qualified to advise on Blink’s growth and expansion strategies and will provide a valuable perspective to Blink as the company leads the charge to build upon the Biden Administration’s call to deploy EV charging infrastructure across the country.

“Cedric’s addition to the board further broadens the vast collection of experience and expertise that makes the board dynamic and a valuable resource for the executive team,” said Michael D. Farkas, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Blink Charging. “We are excited about the wealth of government knowledge, insights, and perspectives Cedric will bring as we continue to expand our presence in the industry, increase deployments of EV charging equipment across the U.S. and the globe, and provide greater shareholder value.”

A graduate of Morehouse College and Tulane University School of Law, Richmond was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010 representing Louisiana’s second district serving six terms. While in Congress, he served on the House Committees on Small Business, Judiciary, Homeland Security, and the prestigious Ways and Means Committee. From 2017-2019, Richmond served as the Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Following his successful congressional career, Richmond joined the Biden Administration in 2021, as Senior Advisor to the President and Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. In that role, Cedric directly engaged with constituencies that ranged from the top CEOs to Civil Rights Leaders to Youth Advocates. He also proudly served the people of Louisiana in the Louisiana House of Representatives from 2000 to 2010. Before serving in Congress, Richmond practiced law in New Orleans.

“It is an honor to join the Board of Directors for a pioneer and leader in the growing EV industry. With the clear initiative from the White House being a focus on deploying EV charging infrastructure, I have been very interested in the space. After a thorough review, I think Blink, the largest owner and operator of EV charging stations in the U.S., is uniquely positioned to be at the forefront of this country’s transition to Electric Vehicles and I wholeheartedly support that mission. I look forward to upholding the integrity and confidence that is placed on Blink and working alongside the talented leadership team,” said Richmond.

Richmond will take his seat on the board beginning August 25, 2022, and will serve on our Board’s environmental, social and governance (ESG) committee.

The Blink Board of Directors along with its accomplished executive management team create an unparalleled group of industry experts at all levels of management throughout the Blink organization. The industry as a whole will benefit from the amassed talent that includes Blink’s Chairman and CEO, Michael D. Farkas along with Ritsaart Van Montfrans, Blink Director and the former CEO of New Motion; Mahi Reddy, Blink Director and CEO of SemaConnect, a Blink Charging Company; Brendan Jones, Blink Director and President and a former EV executive at Nissan, Electrify America and Evgo; and Harjinder Bhade, Blink CTO and a founder of ChargePoint. This dynamic team of EV industry leaders, along with the highly experienced Blink senior management, position Blink as a formidable provider of EV solutions and establishes Blink as a leader in the industry.

About Blink Charging

Blink Charging Co. (Nasdaq: BLNK, BLNKW), a leader in electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment, has deployed over 51,000 charging ports across 25 countries, many of which are networked EV charging stations, enabling EV drivers to easily charge at any of Blink’s charging locations worldwide. Blink’s principal line of products and services includes the Blink EV charging network (“Blink Network”), EV charging equipment, EV charging services, and the products and services of recent acquisitions, including SemaConnect, Blue Corner and BlueLA. The Blink Network uses proprietary, cloud-based software that operates, maintains, and tracks the EV charging stations connected to the network and the associated charging data. With global EV purchases forecasted to rise to 10 million vehicles by 2025 from approximately 2 million in 2019, Blink has established key strategic partnerships for rolling out adoption across numerous location types, including parking facilities, multifamily residences and condos, workplace locations, health care/medical facilities, schools and universities, airports, auto dealers, hotels, mixed-use municipal locations, parks and recreation areas, religious institutions, restaurants, retailers, stadiums, supermarkets, and transportation hubs. For more information, please visit <https://www.blinkcharging.com/>.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements as defined within Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements, and terms such as “anticipate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “will,” “should” or other comparable terms, involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. Those statements include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of Blink Charging and members of its management, as well as the assumptions on which such statements are based. Prospective investors are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, including those described in Blink Charging’s Q2 2022 Form 10-Q and other periodic reports filed with the SEC, and that actual results may differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements. Except as required by federal securities law, Blink Charging undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed conditions.

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