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

July 2, 2007

(Date of earliest event reported)

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-8957 (Commission File Number) 91-1292054 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

19300 International Boulevard, Seattle, Washington (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 98188 (Zip Code)

(206) 392-5040

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On June 29, 2007, Alaska Air Group, Inc. issued a press release regarding the death of Company director and former Alaska Air Group chairman and chief executive officer, Bruce R. Kennedy. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated June 29, 2007

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. Registrant Date: July 2, 2007

/s/ Brandon S. Pedersen Brandon S. Pedersen Vice President/Finance and Controller

/s/ Bradley D. Tilden Bradley D. Tilden Executive Vice President/Finance and Planning and Chief Financial Officer

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