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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**ACUITY BRANDS, INC.**

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Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on January 4, 2019.**

**ACUITY BRANDS, INC.**



ACUITY BRANDS, INC.  
1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE  
SUITE 2300  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** November 9, 2018  
**Date:** January 4, 2019   **Time:** 11:00 am, Eastern Time  
**Location:** Four Seasons Hotel  
75 Fourteenth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

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**Voting Items**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3.**

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (Term expiring at the annual meeting for the fiscal year 2019)

**Nominees:**

1a. Peter C. Browning

1b. G. Douglas Dillard, Jr.

1c. James H. Hance, Jr.

1d. Vernon J. Nagel

1e. Julia B. North

1f. Ray M. Robinson

1g. Mary A. Winston

2. Ratification of the appointment of EY as the independent registered public accounting firm.

3. Advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation.

4. Consider and act upon such other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.



