

**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)  
**December 16, 2024 (December 13, 2024)**



(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-02217**  
(Commission File Number)

**58-0628465**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**One Coca-Cola Plaza  
Atlanta, Georgia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**30313**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (404) 676-2121**

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:

- 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:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.25 Par Value	KO	New York Stock Exchange
1.875% Notes Due 2026	KO26	New York Stock Exchange
0.750% Notes Due 2026	KO26C	New York Stock Exchange
1.125% Notes Due 2027	KO27	New York Stock Exchange
0.125% Notes Due 2029	KO29A	New York Stock Exchange
0.125% Notes Due 2029	KO29B	New York Stock Exchange
0.400% Notes Due 2030	KO30B	New York Stock Exchange
1.250% Notes Due 2031	KO31	New York Stock Exchange
3.125% Notes Due 2032	KO32	New York Stock Exchange
0.375% Notes Due 2033	KO33	New York Stock Exchange
0.500% Notes Due 2033	KO33A	New York Stock Exchange
1.625% Notes Due 2035	KO35	New York Stock Exchange
1.100% Notes Due 2036	KO36	New York Stock Exchange
0.950% Notes Due 2036	KO36A	New York Stock Exchange
3.375% Notes Due 2037	KO37	New York Stock Exchange
0.800% Notes Due 2040	KO40B	New York Stock Exchange
1.000% Notes Due 2041	KO41	New York Stock Exchange
3.500% Notes Due 2044	KO44	New York Stock Exchange
3.750% Notes Due 2053	KO53	New York Stock Exchange

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.



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

On December 13, 2024, Helene D. Gayle notified The Coca-Cola Company (“Company”) of her decision to retire from the Board of Directors, effective December 13, 2024.

A copy of the Company’s press release announcing Ms. Gayle’s retirement is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	<a href="#"><u>Press Release of The Coca-Cola Company, dated December 16, 2024.</u></a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the iXBRL document).

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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.

### **THE COCA-COLA COMPANY (REGISTRANT)**

Date: December 16, 2024

By: /s/ Monica Howard Douglas

Monica Howard Douglas

Executive Vice President and Global General Counsel

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News Release

### The Coca-Cola Company Announces Retirement of Director

**ATLANTA, Dec. 16, 2024** – The Coca-Cola Company announced today that Helene Gayle has retired from her duties as a director.

Gayle had been a director of the company since 2013. She served as a member and former chair of the talent and compensation committee, and she was a member of the corporate governance and sustainability committee.

“I thank Helene for her 11 years of service and valued leadership for our company,” said James Quincey, Chairman and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company. “Helene has had a distinguished career and has been a vital member of our board.”

#### About Helene Gayle

Most recently, Gayle served as President of Spelman College in Atlanta, a leading liberal arts college. She began the position in July 2022 and recently stepped down.

Gayle also served as CEO, The Chicago Community Trust, a community foundation dedicated to improving the Chicago region through strategic grant making, civic engagement and inspiring philanthropy, from October 2017 to June 2022.

Gayle was CEO of McKinsey Social Initiative, an independent non-profit organization founded by McKinsey & Company, from July 2015 to September 2017.

She held the positions of President and CEO of CARE USA, a leading international humanitarian organization, from 2006 to 2015. From 2001 to 2006, she served as program director in the Global Health Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Gayle started her career in public health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1984, holding various positions, ultimately becoming the director of the CDC’s National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention in 1995.

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## **About The Coca-Cola Company**

The Coca-Cola Company (NYSE: KO) is a total beverage company with products sold in more than 200 countries and territories. Our company's purpose is to refresh the world and make a difference. We sell multiple billion-dollar brands across several beverage categories worldwide. Our portfolio of sparkling soft drink brands includes Coca-Cola, Sprite and Fanta. Our water, sports, coffee and tea brands include Dasani, smartwater, vitaminwater, Topo Chico, BODYARMOR, Powerade, Costa, Georgia, Gold Peak and Ayataka. Our juice, value-added dairy and plant-based beverage brands include Minute Maid, Simply, innocent, Del Valle, fairlife and AdeS. We're constantly transforming our portfolio, from reducing sugar in our drinks to bringing innovative new products to market. We seek to positively impact people's lives, communities and the planet through water replenishment, packaging recycling, sustainable sourcing practices and carbon emissions reductions across our value chain. Together with our bottling partners, we employ more than 700,000 people, helping bring economic opportunity to local communities worldwide. Learn more at [www.coca-colacompany.com](http://www.coca-colacompany.com) and follow us on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn.

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