# 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 2, 2021

# THE GEO GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Florida (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-14260 (Commission File Number) 65-0043078 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4955 Technology Way, Boca Raton, Florida (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 33431 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (561) 893-0101

N/A

(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 Instructions A.2. below):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Dere-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	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value	GEO	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  $\Box$ 

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.

#### Section 8 Other Events

### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 2, 2021, The GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO" or the "Company") announced in a press release that its Board of Directors (the "Board") unanimously approved a plan to terminate its Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT") election and become a taxable C corporation, effective for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. The decision stems from the Board's evaluation of GEO's corporate tax structure and REIT status, which was announced on April 7, 2021. The Company also announced that the Board voted unanimously to discontinue GEO's quarterly dividend. Lastly, the Company also updated guidance for the fourth quarter and full-year 2021.

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.

December 8, 2021 Date

## THE GEO GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Brian R. Evans

Brian R. Evans Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)