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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

June 9, 2006  
(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)

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):

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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.02 Election of Directors**

On June 9, 2006, the Alaska Air Group Board of Directors elected the following directors to committees: Patricia M. Bedient was elected Chairperson of the Audit Committee; Byron I. Mallot was elected to serve on the Governance and Nominating Committee and the Safety Committee; and Dennis F. Madsen was elected to serve on the Audit Committee. The Board voted on these elections as part of its annual review of committee assignments.

The full Alaska Air Group Board of Directors' Committee memberships are listed below.

**Governance and Nominating Committee**

R. Marc Langland, Chair  
Jessie J. Knight, Jr.  
Byron I. Mallott  
J. Kenneth Thompson

**Audit Committee**

Patricia M. Bedient, Chair  
Mark R. Hamilton  
Dennis F. Madsen  
John V. Rindlaub

**Compensation Committee**

Phyllis J. Campbell, Chair  
Jessie J. Knight, Jr.  
Dennis F. Madsen  
John V. Rindlaub

**Safety Committee**

Richard A. Wien, Chair  
Mark R. Hamilton  
Byron I. Mallott  
J. Kenneth Thompson

**ITEM 8.01 Other Events**

On June 9, 2006, the Alaska Air Group Board of Directors voted to compensate members of the Finance Advisory Group in the amount of \$1,500 per meeting attended, whether in-person or by telephone.

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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.  
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Registrant

Date: June 14, 2006

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

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