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February 20, 2009

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 17, 2009

Cognex Corporation

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Massachusetts

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-17869

04-2713778

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Vision Drive, Natick, Massachusetts

01760-2059

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(508) 650-3000

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

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

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

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of Certain Officers

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Cognex Corporation (the "Company") held on February 17, 2009, Robert J. Shillman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, indicated his desire to stand for re-election by the shareholders of the Company generally on an annual basis. To facilitate Dr. Shillman standing for re-election at the Company's 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting"), and given that the Company has a classified Board of Directors, Dr. Shillman resigned his seat with a one-year remaining term and Edward J. Smith, another current Director of the Company, resigned his seat with a term ending at the Annual Meeting. Immediately following such resignations, the Board of Directors elected Mr. Smith to fill Dr. Shillman's vacant seat and Dr. Shillman to fill Mr. Smith's vacant seat, such that Dr. Shillman will stand for re-election at the Annual Meeting. The Directors in the class now including Mr. Smith have terms that expire at the Company's 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Smith joined the Company's Board of Directors in 2007. There were no changes to the composition of any of the committees of the Board of Directors.

### 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.

COGNEX CORPORATION

Dated: February 19, 2009

By: /s/ Richard A. Morin

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Name: Richard A. Morin

Title: Senior Vice President of Finance,  
Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer