**Section 1: 8-K (8-K)** 

# 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): July 20, 2016

## Pandora Media, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### **Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

#### 001-35198

(Commission File Number)

#### 94-3352630

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

#### 2101 Webster Street, Suite 1650 Oakland, CA 94612

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

#### (510) 451-4100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

#### Not Applicable

(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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 21, 2016, Pandora Media, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the three month period ended June 30, 2016. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished on this Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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

(b) On July 20, 2016, Peter Chernin resigned from the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company, effective immediately. Mr. Chernin's decision to resign is solely for personal reasons and did not involve any disagreement with the Company, the Company's management or the Board.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

No. Exhibit Description	Exhibit		
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99.1 Press Release dated July 21, 2016

#### **SIGNATURE**

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.

## PANDORA MEDIA, INC.

Dated: July 21, 2016 By: /s/ Michael S. Herring

Michael S. Herring

President and Chief Financial Officer

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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Exhibit 99.1

## PANDORA

## PANDORA REPORTS Q2 2016 FINANCIAL RESULTS

- Q2 2016 total consolidated revenue was \$343.0 million, growing 20% year-over-year
- Q2 2016 advertising revenue was \$265.1 million, growing 15% year-over-year
- Q2 2016 ticketing service revenue was \$22.8 million, growing approximately 20% year-over-year
- O2 2016 total listener hours were 5.66 billion, growing 7% year-over-year
- User engagement reached an all-time high of 24 hours per active user per month

**OAKLAND, Calif.** - July 21, 2016 - Pandora (NYSE: P), the leading Internet radio service, today announced financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2016.

"We are making strong progress on Pandora's transformation into a complete music marketplace," said Pandora Founder and CEO Tim Westergren. "We made considerable progress on our product development plans while also improving margins sequentially. Pandora plans to deliver a powerfully differentiated music experience to accelerate growth and deliver value to listeners, music makers, advertisers and ultimately shareholders."

#### **Second Quarter 2016 Financial Results**

**Revenue**: For the second quarter of 2016, total consolidated revenue was \$343.0 million, a 20% year-over-year increase. Excluding revenue from ticketing services, total revenue was \$320.3 million, an increase of 12% year-over-year. Advertising revenue was \$265.1 million, a 15% year-over-year increase. Subscription and other revenue was \$55.1 million, a 1% year-over-year increase. Ticketing service revenue was \$22.8 million, an approximate 20% year-over-year increase.

**GAAP Net Loss and Adjusted EBITDA:** For the second quarter of 2016, GAAP net loss was \$76.3 million compared to a net loss of \$16.1 million in the same quarter last year, and adjusted EBITDA was a loss of \$25.1 million, compared to a profit of \$16.3 million in the same quarter last year. For the second quarter of 2016, adjusted EBITDA differs from GAAP net loss in that it excludes \$32.4 million in expense from stock-based compensation, \$14.4 million of depreciation and amortization expense, \$6.0 million of other expense and \$1.5 million of benefit from income taxes.

**Cash and Investments**: For the second quarter of 2016, the Company ended with \$311.3 million in cash and investments, compared to \$382.5 million at the end of the prior quarter. Cash used in operating activities was \$45.5 million for the second quarter of 2016, compared to \$9.9 million of cash used by operating activities in the same period of the prior year.

#### **Other Business Metrics**

Listener Hours: Total listener hours grew 7% to 5.66 billion for the second quarter of 2016, compared to 5.30 billion for the same

period of the prior year.

**Active Listeners:** Active listeners were 78.1 million at the end of the second quarter of 2016, compared to 79.4 million for the same period of the prior year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Ticketfly's results are included in Pandora's consolidated financial statements subsequent to the acquisition date of October 31, 2015. Related year-over-year growth rates are calculated based on Ticketfly's pre-acquisition results.

#### Guidance

Based on information available as of July 21, 2016, the Company is providing the following financial guidance:

**Third Quarter 2016 Guidance**: Revenue is expected to be in the range of \$360 million to \$370 million. Adjusted EBITDA is expected to be in the range of a loss of \$5 million to a profit of \$5 million. Adjusted EBITDA differs from GAAP net loss in that it excludes forecasted stock-based compensation expense of approximately \$35 million, depreciation and amortization expense of approximately \$16 million, a provision for income taxes of approximately \$0.5 million and other expense, net of \$6 million and assumes minimal cash taxes given our net loss position. Basic shares outstanding for the third quarter 2016 are expected to be approximately 233 million.

**Full Year 2016 Guidance:** Revenue is expected to be in the range of \$1.385 billion to \$1.405 billion. Adjusted EBITDA loss is expected to be in the range of \$70 million to \$50 million. Adjusted EBITDA differs from GAAP net loss in that it excludes forecasted stock-based compensation expense of approximately \$142 million, depreciation and amortization expense of approximately \$62 million, a benefit from income taxes of approximately \$0.3 million and other expense, net of \$23 million and assumes minimal cash taxes given our net loss position. Basic shares outstanding for the full year 2016 are expected to be approximately 231 million. We anticipate a non-GAAP effective tax rate between 30-35% for full year 2016.

**Board of Directors Update:** Pandora also announced today that Peter Chernin concluded his tenure on the company's board effective July 20, 2016. Chernin served on Pandora's board since January 2011.

**Second Quarter 2016 Financial Results Conference Call:** Pandora will host a conference call today at 2 p.m. PT/5 p.m. ET to discuss second quarter 2016 financial results with the investment community. A live webcast of the event will be available on the Pandora Investor Relations website at http://investor.pandora.com. A live domestic dial-in is available at (877) 355-0067 or internationally at (443) 853-1239. A domestic replay will be available at (855) 859-2056 or internationally at (404) 537-3406, using passcode 39740169, and available via webcast until August 4, 2016.

#### ABOUT PANDORA

Pandora (NYSE: P) is the world's most powerful music discovery platform - a place where artists find their fans and listeners find music they love. We are driven by a single purpose: unleashing the infinite power of music by connecting artists and fans, whether through earbuds, car speakers, live on stage or anywhere fans want to experience it. Our team of highly trained musicologists analyze hundreds of attributes for each recording which powers our proprietary Music Genome Project®, delivering billions of hours of personalized music tailored to the tastes of each music listener, full of discovery, making artist/fan connections at unprecedented scale. Founded by musicians, Pandora empowers artists with valuable data and tools to help grow their careers and connect with their fans.

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#### "Safe harbor" Statement:

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, but not limited to, statements regarding expected revenue and adjusted EBITDA. These forward-looking statements are based on Pandora's current assumptions, expectations and beliefs and involve substantial risks and uncertainties that may cause results, performance or achievement to materially differ from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to: our operation in an emerging market and our relatively new and evolving business model; our ability to estimate revenue reserves; our ability to increase our listener base and listener hours; our ability to attract and retain advertisers; our ability to generate additional revenue on a cost-effective basis; competitive factors; our ability to continue operating under existing laws and licensing regimes; our ability to enter into and maintain commercially viable direct licenses with record labels for the right to reproduce and publicly perform sound recordings on our service; our ability to establish and maintain relationships with makers of mobile devices, consumer electronic products and automobiles; our ability to manage our growth and geographic expansion; our ability to continue to innovate and keep pace with changes in technology and our

competitors; our ability to expand our operations to delivery of non-music content; our ability to protect our intellectual property; risks related to service interruptions or security breaches; and general economic conditions worldwide. Further information on these factors and other risks that may affect the business are included in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) from time to time, including under the heading "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the current period.

The financial information contained in this press release should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, each as they may be amended from time to time. The Company's results of operations for the current period are not necessarily indicative of the Company's operating results for any future periods.

These documents are available online from the SEC or on the SEC Filings section of the Investor Relations section of our website at investor.pandora.com. Information on our website is not part of this release. All forward-looking statements in this press release are based on information currently available to the Company, which assumes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements in light of new information or future events.

#### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

To supplement our condensed consolidated financial statements, which are prepared and presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"), the Company uses the following non-GAAP measures of financial performance: non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP net income (loss), non-GAAP basic EPS, non-GAAP diluted EPS and adjusted EBITDA. The presentation of this additional financial information is not intended to be considered in isolation from, as a substitute for, or superior to, the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP. These non-GAAP measures have limitations in that they do not reflect all of the amounts associated with our results of operations as determined in accordance with GAAP. In addition, these non-GAAP financial measures may be different from the non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. These non-GAAP measures should only be used to evaluate our results of operations in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures. Management compensates for these limitations by reconciling these non-GAAP financial measures to the most comparable GAAP financial measures within our earnings releases.

Non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP net income (loss), non-GAAP basic EPS and non-GAAP diluted EPS differ from GAAP in that they exclude stock-based compensation expense, intangible amortization expense and amortization of non-recoupable ticketing contract advances. The income tax effects of non-GAAP net income (loss) before provision for income taxes and the related non-GAAP adjustments have been reflected in non-GAAP net income (loss), non-GAAP basic EPS and non-GAAP diluted EPS.

**Stock-based Compensation Expense:** consists of expenses for stock options and other awards under our equity incentive plans. Stock-based compensation is included in the following cost and expense line items of our GAAP presentation: cost of revenue - other, cost of revenue - ticketing service, product development, sales and marketing and general and administrative.

Although stock-based compensation is an expense for the Company and is viewed as a form of compensation, management excludes stock-based compensation from our non-GAAP measures for purposes of evaluating our continuing operating performance primarily because it is a non-cash expense not believed by management to be reflective of our core business, ongoing operating results or future outlook. In addition, the value of stock-based instruments is determined using formulas that incorporate variables, such as market volatility, that are beyond our control.

**Income Tax Effects of Non-GAAP Adjustments:** The Company adjusts non-GAAP net income (loss) by considering the income tax effects of its non-GAAP net income (loss) before provision for income taxes and the related non-GAAP adjustments. The Company is currently forecasting a non-GAAP effective tax rate of approximately 30% to 35% for the full year 2016. The Company does not expect to pay significant cash income taxes for the foreseeable future due to its net operating loss position.

#### **Adjusted EBITDA**

Adjusted EBITDA excludes stock-based compensation expense, benefit from (provision for) income taxes, depreciation and intangible amortization expense, amortization of non-recoupable ticketing contract advances and other income (expense).

**Benefit from (Provision for) Income Taxes:** consists of expense recognized related to U.S. and foreign income taxes. The Company considers its adjusted EBITDA results without these charges when evaluating its ongoing performance because it is not believed by management to be reflective of our core business, ongoing operating results or future outlook.

Depreciation and Intangible Amortization Expense: consists of non-cash charges that can be affected by the timing and magnitude of business combinations and asset purchases. Depreciation is included in the following cost and expense line items of our GAAP presentation: cost of revenue - other, cost of revenue - ticketing service, product development, sales and marketing and general and administrative. Intangible amortization expense is included in the following cost and expense line items of our GAAP presentation: cost of revenue - ticketing service, product development, sales and marketing and general and administrative. Depreciation and intangible amortization expense also consists of non-cash amortization of non-recoupable amounts paid in advance to the Company's clients pursuant to ticketing agreements. Amortization of non-recoupable ticketing contract advances is included in the sales and marketing line of our GAAP presentation. Management considers its operating results without intangible amortization expense when evaluating its ongoing non-GAAP performance and without depreciation and intangible amortization expense when evaluating its ongoing adjusted EBITDA performance because these charges are non-cash expenses that can be affected by the timing and magnitude of business combinations, asset purchases and new client agreements and may not be reflective of our core business, ongoing operating results or future outlook.

Management believes these non-GAAP financial measures serve as useful metrics for our management and investors because they enable a better understanding of the long-term performance of our core business and facilitate comparisons of our operating results over multiple periods and to those of peer companies, and, when taken together with the corresponding GAAP financial measures and our reconciliations, enhance investors' overall understanding of our current financial performance.

In the financial tables below, the Company provides a reconciliation of the most comparable GAAP financial measure to the historical non-GAAP financial measures used in this earnings release.

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## **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

## $(in\ thousands,\ except\ per\ share\ amounts)$

(unaudited)

	Three mo Jui	nths e			ths ended ne 30,		
	2015		2016	2015		2016	
Revenue							
Advertising	\$ 230,921	\$	265,126	\$ 409,660	\$	485,434	
Subscription and other	54,639		55,125	106,664		109,857	
Ticketing service	_		22,771	_		45,036	
Total revenue	285,560		343,022	516,324		640,327	
Cost of revenue							
Cost of revenue - Content acquisition costs	130,134		176,633	256,157		347,897	
Cost of revenue - Other (1)	20,043		24,833	36,276		45,832	
Cost of revenue - Ticketing service (1)	_		15,259	_		29,905	
Total cost of revenue	 150,177		216,725	292,433		423,634	
Gross profit	135,383		126,297	223,891		216,693	
Operating expenses							
Product development (1)	18,742		33,808	34,617		69,654	
Sales and marketing (1)	94,035		123,812	178,309		241,434	
General and administrative (1)	38,812		40,562	75,566		86,858	
Total operating expenses	151,589		198,182	288,492		397,946	
Loss from operations	(16,206)		(71,885)	(64,601)		(181,253)	
Interest expense	(124)		(6,247)	(255)		(12,422)	
Other income, net	380		255	708		1,117	
Total other income (expense), net	 256		(5,992)	453		(11,305)	
Loss before benefit from (provision for) income taxes	(15,950)		(77,877)	(64,148)		(192,558)	
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes	(115)		1,544	(174)		1,123	
Net loss	\$ (16,065)	\$	(76,333)	\$ (64,322)	\$	(191,435)	
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.08)	\$	(0.33)	\$ (0.31)	\$	(0.84)	
Weighted-average basic and diluted shares	211,742		229,745	210,840		228,202	

#### (1) Includes stock-based compensation expense as follows:

		Three mo Jui	nths one 30,		 Six mont Jur	ths en 1e 30,	
	2015			2016	2015		2016
Cost of revenue - Other	\$	1,406	\$	1,544	\$ 2,613	\$	3,021
Cost of revenue - Ticketing service		_		67	_		127
Product development		5,354		7,243	9,959		15,744
Sales and marketing		13,327		15,128	24,671		28,741
General and administrative		7,397		8,450	13,436		23,454
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$	27,484	\$	32,432	\$ 50,679	\$	71,087

#### **Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

## (in thousands)

	As of	As of December 31,					
		2015					
		(audited)		(unaudited)			
Assets							
Current assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	334,667	\$	238,367			
Short-term investments		35,844		54,800			
Accounts receivable, net		277,075		263,654			
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		35,920		43,286			
Total current assets		683,506		600,107			
Long-term investments		46,369		18,153			
Property and equipment, net		66,370		102,016			
Goodwill		303,875		306,715			
Intangible assets, net		110,745		100,705			
Other long-term assets		29,792		31,478			
Total assets	\$	1,240,657	\$	1,159,174			
Liabilities and stockholders' equity							
Current liabilities							
Accounts payable	\$	17,897	\$	6,132			
Accrued liabilities	ψ	37,185	Ф	29,723			
Accrued royalties		97,390		123,583			
Deferred revenue		19,939		28,751			
Accrued compensation		43,788		48,971			
Other current liabilities		15,632					
				17,432			
Total current liabilities		231,831		254,592			
Long-term debt, net		234,577		243,483			
Other long-term liabilities		30,862		32,804			
Total liabilities		497,270		530,879			
Stockholders' equity							
Common stock		23		23			
Additional paid-in capital		1,110,539		1,186,777			
Accumulated deficit		(366,658)		(558,093)			
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(517)		(412			
Total stockholders' equity		743,387		628,295			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,240,657	\$	1,159,174			

## **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

#### (in thousands)

## (unaudited)

		Three mo	nths e ie 30,	ended	Six months ended June 30,				
		2015		2016	2015		2016		
Operating Activities									
Net loss	\$	(16,065)	\$	(76,333)	\$ (64,322)	\$	(191,435)		
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	S								
Depreciation and amortization		5,025		14,360	9,365		27,637		
Stock-based compensation		27,484		32,432	50,679		71,087		
Amortization of premium on investments, net		610		107	1,229		247		
Other operating activities		110		579	944		1,474		
Amortization of debt discount		_		4,504	_		8,938		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities									
Accounts receivable		(45,305)		(26,375)	(16,123)		12,139		
Prepaid expenses and other assets		2,972		3,602	(2,104)		(16,140)		
Accounts payable, accrued and other current liabilities		3,872		(13,942)	11,959		(17,409)		
Accrued royalties		801		12,025	7,697		26,177		
Accrued compensation		10,287		2,900	5,897		5,497		
Other long-term liabilities		(70)		(658)	(1,596)		1		
Deferred revenue		357		1,172	12,685		8,812		
Reimbursement of cost of leasehold improvements		_		153	749		4,397		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(9,922)		(45,474)	17,059		(58,578)		
Investing Activities  Purchases of property and equipment		(10,239)		(20,193)	(14,578)		(34,564)		
Internal-use software costs		(1,777)		(7,133)	(3,369)		(14,310)		
Changes in restricted cash		(1,777)		(250)	(3,307)		(250)		
Purchases of investments		(54,751)		(6,098)	(111,541)		(11,091)		
Proceeds from maturities of investments		53,630		11,675	132,119		20,007		
Proceeds from sales of investments		3,022		500	3,662		500		
Payments related to acquisition, net of cash acquired		(200)		_	(200)		(676)		
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u> </u>	(10,315)		(21,499)	6,093		(40,384)		
rect cash provided by (ased in) investing activities		(10,313)		(21,499)	0,073		(+0,50+)		
Financing activities									
Proceeds from employee stock purchase plan		1,656		2,150	3,275		3,837		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		1,768		1,353	2,862		1,873		
Payment of debt issuance costs		_		(32)	_		(32)		
Tax payments from net share settlements of restricted stock units		(19)		(1,467)	(907)		(2,761)		
Net cash provided by financing activities		3,405		2,004	5,230		2,917		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(79)		(118)	(236)		(255)		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(16,911)		(65,087)	28,146		(96,300)		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		221,014		303,454	175,957		334,667		
	\$	204,103	\$	238,367	\$ 204,103	\$	238,367		

## Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Measures

## (in thousands, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

	 Three mo	nths one 30,			ths ended ne 30,		
	 2015		2016	2015		2016	
Gross profit							
GAAP gross profit	\$ 135,383	\$	126,297	\$ 223,891	\$	216,693	
Stock-based compensation: Cost of revenue - Other	1,406		1,544	2,613		3,021	
Stock-based compensation: Cost of revenue - Ticketing service	_		67	_		127	
Amortization of intangibles - Cost of revenue - Ticketing service	_		1,419			2,836	
Non-GAAP gross profit	\$ 136,789	\$	129,327	\$ 226,504	\$	222,677	
Net loss							
GAAP net loss	\$ (16,065)	\$	(76,333)	\$ (64,322)	\$	(191,435)	
Amortization of intangibles	183		5,138	366		10,271	
Amortization of non-recoupable ticketing contract advances	_		1,280	_		2,442	
Stock-based compensation	27,484		32,432	50,679		71,087	
Income tax effects of non-GAAP net loss before provision for income taxes and the related non-GAAP adjustments	_		10,700	_		35,636	
Non-GAAP net income (loss)	\$ 11,602	\$	(26,783)	\$ (13,277)	\$	(71,999)	
Non-GAAP EPS - basic	\$ 0.05	\$	(0.12)	\$ (0.06)	\$	(0.32)	
Non-GAAP EPS - diluted	\$ 0.05	\$	(0.12)	\$ (0.06)	\$	(0.32)	
Weighted average basic shares	211,742		229,745	210,840		228,202	
Weighted average diluted shares	221,260		229,745	210,840		228,202	
Adjusted EBITDA							
GAAP net loss	\$ (16,065)	\$	(76,333)	\$ (64,322)	\$	(191,435)	
Depreciation and amortization	5,025		14,360	9,365		27,637	
Stock-based compensation	27,484		32,432	50,679		71,087	
Other expense (income), net	(256)		5,992	(453)		11,305	
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	 115		(1,544)	 174		(1,123)	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 16,303	\$	(25,093)	\$ (4,557)	\$	(82,529)	

## Pandora Media, Inc. RPM and LPM History (unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30,									Six months ended June 30,										
	2015			2016			2015					2016								
	RPM LPM		RPM LPM		RPM			LPM		RPM		LPM								
Advertising	\$ 49.94	\$	22.54	\$	53.34	\$	30.65	\$	44.09	\$	22.13	\$	49.46	\$	30.56					
Subscription	 81.15		38.49		79.79		35.30		81.60		38.68		80.62		35.24					
Total	\$ 53.91	\$	24.57	\$	56.56	\$	31.21	\$	48.72	\$	24.17	\$	53.25	\$	31.13					

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