

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

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# Your **Vote** Counts!

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

2021 Annual Meeting

Vote by May 9, 2021

11:59 PM ET

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION  
1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE  
ELGIN, IL 60120



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## You invested in THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the stockholder meeting to be held on May 10, 2021.**

### Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement, 10-K and Annual Report and form of proxy online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to April 26, 2021. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com). If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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Point your camera here and  
vote without entering a  
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#### Vote Virtually during the Meeting\*

May 10, 2021  
10:30 AM CDT

Virtually at:  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MIDD2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MIDD2021)

\*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

## THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This communication is not a form for voting and presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials, which contain important information and are available by following the instructions on the reverse side of this communication. We encourage you to access and review the proxy materials before voting.

Voting Items	Board Recommendations
1. Election of Directors <b>Nominees:</b> 01) Sarah Palisi Chapin      04) John R. Miller III      07) Nassem Ziyad 02) Timothy J. FitzGerald    05) Robert A. Nerbonne 03) Cathy L. McCarthy      06) Gordon O'Brien	✓ For
2. Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers;	✓ For
3. Approval of the adoption of the Company's 2021 Long-Term Incentive Plan; and	✓ For
4. Ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent public accountants for the current fiscal year ending January 1, 2022.	✓ For

**NOTE:** Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Prefer to receive an email instead? While voting on [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), be sure to click "Sign up for E-delivery".