#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### SCHEDULE 14A

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )

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Definitive Additional Materials

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## HANES Brands Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter) (Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if Other Than the Registrant)

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## \*\*\* Exercise Your *Right* to Vote \*\*\* Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on April 27, 2021.

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: February 16, 2021 Date: April 27, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m., Eastern time Location: Meeting live via the Internet-please visit www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/HBI2021. The company will be hosting the meeting live via the Internet this year. To attend the meeting via the Internet please visit www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/HBI2021 and be sure to have the meeting via Internet information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow  $\rightarrow$  **XXXX XXXX XXXX** (located on the following page). HANES Brands Inc You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above. This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side). We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

**Meeting Information** 

## Before You Vote -

How to Access the Proxy Materials

## Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

How to View Online:

## How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

1) BY INTERNET:
2) BY TELEPHONE:
3) BY E-MAIL*:

www.proxyvote.com 1-800-579-1639 sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 13, 2021 to facilitate timely delivery.

## — How To Vote -

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

## Vote By Internet:

Before The Meeting:

### During The Meeting:

Go to *www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/HBI2021*. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow → <u>xxxx xxxx xxxx</u> (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

#### Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR each of the following nominees:

- Election of Directors
- Nominees:

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- 1a. Cheryl K. Beebe
- 1b. Stephen B. Bratspies
- 1c. Geralyn R. Breig
- 1d. Bobby J. Griffin
- 1e. James C. Johnson
- 1f. Franck J. Moison
- 1g. Robert F. Moran
- 1h. Ronald L. Nelson
- 1i. Ann E. Ziegler

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## The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following proposals:

- To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Hanesbrands' independent registered public accounting firm for Hanesbrands' 2021 fiscal year
- To approve, on an advisory basis, named executive officer compensation as described in the proxy statement for the Annual Meeting

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