# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## **SCHEDULE 14A**

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(Amendment No. )

|                            | Filed by the Registrant  Filed by a Party other than the Registrant             |  |  |  |
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| Check the appropriate box: |   |  |  |  |
|                            | Preliminary Proxy Statement   |  |  |  |
|                            | Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14A-6(E)(2)) |  |  |  |
|                            | Definitive Proxy Statement  |  |  |  |
| <b>/</b>                   | Definitive Additional Materials   |  |  |  |
|                            | Soliciting Material under §240.14a-12   |  |  |  |
| Middleby Corp.             |   |  |  |  |
|                            | MIDDLEBY  |  |  |  |
|                            | (Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)                                |  |  |  |
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(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

| Payment of Filing Fee (Check all boxes that apply):  |  |  |
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| No fee required.   |  |  |
| Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.  |  |  |
| Fee computed on table in exhibit required by Item 25(b) per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(1) and 0-11. |  |  |



#### THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

2024 Annual Meeting Vote by May 13, 2024 11:59 PM ET



THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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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 14, 2024.

## Get informed before you vote

View the Notice & Proxy Statement, Form 10-K and Annual Report online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to April 30, 2024. 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, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to 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.



For complete information and to vote, visit www.ProxyVote.com

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Point your camera here and vote without entering a control number



#### Vote Virtually at the Meeting\*

May 14, 2024 10:00 AM CDT

Virtually at: www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MIDD2024

<sup>\*</sup>Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

## THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

| Voting Items R  |  |              |  |
|---|--|--------------|--|
| 1.  | Election of Directors  |              |  |
|   | Nominees:  |              |  |
| 1a.   | Sarah Palisi Chapin  | For          |  |
| 1b.   | Timothy J. FitzGerald  | For          |  |
| 1c.   | Cathy L. McCarthy  | For          |  |
| 1d.   | John R. Miller, III  | For          |  |
| 1e.   | Robert A. Nerbonne   | For          |  |
| 1f.   | Gordon J. O'Brien  | For          |  |
| 1g.   | Stephen R. Scherger  | <b>⊘</b> For |  |
| 1h.   | Tejas P. Shah  | For          |  |
| 1i.   | Nassem A. Ziyad  | For          |  |
| 2.  | Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers; and   | For          |  |
| 3.  | Ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent public accountants for the current fiscal year ending December 28, 2024. | For          |  |
| NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. |  |              |  |
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