SEC Form 4

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Mara Joseph Anthony Jr	Vericel Corp [VCEL]	☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle)	Foreign Trading Symbol	☑ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
25 BLUE SKY DRIVE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Chief Financial Officer
(Street)	11/09/2026	
BURLINGTON MA 01803	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(City) (State) (Zip)		☑ Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/09/2026		M		25,000	A	$43.63	41,186(1)	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2026		S		25,000	D(2)	$58.26	16,186(1)	D	
Common Stock	11/11/2026		M		8	A	$43.63	16,194(1)	D	
Common Stock	11/11/2026		S		8	D(2)	$59.75	16,186(1)	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$43.63	11/09/2026		M		25,000		(3)	01/25/2031	Common Stock	25,000	$0	135,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$43.63	11/11/2026		M		8		(3)	01/25/2031	Common Stock	8	$0	134,992	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares include shares acquired pursuant to the Issuer's 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan in transactions that were exempt under both Rule 16b-3(d) and Rule 16b-3(c).

2. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected by an automatic sale pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 2, 2025.

3. These options, representing the right to purchase 160,000 shares, became exercisable on January 25, 2022, the first anniversary of the date of grant, with 25% vesting and the remaining 75% vesting in equal quarterly installments over three years thereafter, contingent upon continued service to the Company.

/s/ Sean Flynn, as Attorney-in-Fact for Joseph Mara — 11/12/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person — Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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