

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hagen Heidi</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O VERICEL CORPORATION</u> <u>64 SIDNEY STREET</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>CAMBRIDGE MA 02139</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Vericel Corp [VCEL]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/17/2024</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	10/17/2024		M		4,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$3.74	22,650	D	
Common Stock	10/17/2024		M		6,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$3.74	28,650	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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.74	10/17/2024		M		4,000		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	4,000	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.74	10/17/2024		M		6,000		(4)	(3)	Common Stock	6,000	\$0	9,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The Reporting Person has elected to exercise and hold these shares at this time.
- These options, representing the right to purchase 4,000 shares, became exercisable in three installments, contingent upon continued service to the Company, with the first vesting date on March 20, 2015, which was the date on which the option was granted, and the final vesting date on May 1, 2015.
- These options, which were awarded on March 20, 2015, would otherwise expire and become forfeitable on March 20, 2025.
- These options, representing the right to purchase 15,000 shares, were originally granted on March 20, 2015, with 624 shares becoming exercisable on the grant date, 312 shares becoming exercisable on March 31, 2015, and the remainder becoming exercisable in equal monthly installments, contingent upon continued service to the Company, from April 30, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

/s/ Sean Flynn, as Attorney-in-Fact for Heidi Hagen 10/21/2024

** 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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