

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): **March 19, 2015**

**Vericel Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-35280**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**94-3096597**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**64 Sidney St.**  
**Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**02139**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 588-5555**

**Not Applicable**

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On March 19, 2015, Nelson M. Sims informed the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Vericel Corporation, a Michigan corporation (the "Company") of his decision to resign from the Board and not stand for re-election at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 12, 2015 (the "Annual Meeting"). Mr. Sims will continue to serve as a director and a member of the Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees of the Board until the Annual Meeting. Mr. Sims' resignation was not a result of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**Vericel Corporation**

Date: March 25, 2015

By: /s/ Dominick C. Colangelo  
Name: Dominick C. Colangelo  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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