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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Mara Joseph Anthony Jr</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 64 SIDNEY STREET (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139 (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) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ Chief Financial Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/22/2024</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.		

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				

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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$48.31	02/22/2024		A		46,250	(1)	02/22/2034	Common Stock	46,250	\$0	46,250	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	02/22/2024		A		18,500	(3)	(4)	Common Stock	18,500	\$0	18,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- These options shall begin vesting on February 22, 2024 and shall continue to vest and become exercisable in equal quarterly installments over the course of the following four (4) year period.
- Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Vericel Corporation.
- These RSUs vest in four annual installments with the initial vesting of RSUs granted to the Reporting Person on February 22, 2025. The remaining RSUs will vest in annual installments on February 22, 2026, February 22, 2027, and February 22, 2028, respectively.
- No expiration date for this type of award.

/s/ Sean Flynn, as Attorney-in-Fact for Joseph Mara 02/26/2024
 ** 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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