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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 12, 2026**

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**CERENCE INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**25 Mall Road,  
Suite 416  
Burlington, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**001-39030**  
(Commission File Number)

**83-4177087**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**01803**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (857)362-7300**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
<b>Common stock, \$0.01 par value</b>	<b>CRNC</b>	<b>The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC</b>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

On February 12, 2026, Cerence Inc. (the “Company”) held its 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Annual Meeting”). At the Annual Meeting, shareholders cast their votes on three proposals as follows:

**Proposal 1:** To elect six members of the Company’s Board of Directors:

<b>Director Nominee</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Kristi Ann Matus	21,914,823	259,099	49,027	10,669,339
Brian Krzanich	22,060,035	129,212	33,702	10,669,339
Marianne Budnik	21,134,155	1,048,307	40,487	10,669,339
Douglas Davis	22,040,245	134,904	47,800	10,669,339
Marion Harris	22,059,610	134,215	29,124	10,669,339
Marcy Klevorn	22,062,609	119,397	40,943	10,669,339

**Proposal 2:** To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers:

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
16,307,363	4,815,899	1,099,687	10,669,339

**Proposal 3:** To ratify the appointment of BDO USA PC as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026:

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
32,356,572	436,019	99,697	0

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Cerence Inc.

Date: February 18, 2026

By: /s/ Brian Krzanich

Name: Brian Krzanich

Title: Chief Executive Officer