# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## **CERENCE INC.**

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### Cerence Inc. Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Thursday, February 13, 2025 11:00 AM, Eastern Time

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### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE: FOR ON PROPOSALS 1, 2, 3 AND 4

#### PROPOSAL

 Election of seven directors named in the proxy statement, each to serve for a one-year term and until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal;

- 1.01 Arun Sarin
- 1.02 Brian Krzanich
- 1.03 Marianne Budnik
- 1.04 Douglas Davis
- 1.05 Marcy Klevorn
- 1.06 Kristi Ann Matus
- 1.07 Alfred Nietzel
- 2. Approval, on a non-binding, advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the proxy statement;
- 3. Ratification of the appointment of BDO USA PC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; and
- 4. Approval of an amendment to the Company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation to limit the liability of certain officers of the Company in certain circumstances as permitted pursuant to recent amendments to the Delaware General Corporation Law.