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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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

Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>VELLI JOSEPH M</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>911 PANORAMA TRAIL SOUTH</u> _____ (Street) <u>ROCHESTER NY 14625</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PAYCHEX INC [ PAYX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/15/2025</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	04/15/2025		M		11,489	A	\$47.43	82,105	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2025		S <sup>(1)</sup>		3,650	D	\$149.25	78,455	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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option	\$47.43	04/15/2025		M			11,489 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/09/2016	07/08/2025	Common Stock	11,489	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option	\$60.59							07/07/2017	07/06/2026	Common Stock	10,220		10,220	D	
Stock Option	\$57.2							07/13/2018	07/12/2027	Common Stock	9,615		9,615	D	
Stock Option	\$70.37							07/12/2019	07/11/2028	Common Stock	8,641		8,641	D	
Stock Option	\$85.33							07/11/2020	07/10/2029	Common Stock	7,929		7,929	D	
Stock Option	\$73.53							07/15/2021	07/14/2030	Common Stock	5,793		5,793	D	
Stock Option	\$112.67							07/15/2022	07/14/2031	Common Stock	5,075		5,075	D	
Stock Option	\$115							07/15/2023	07/14/2032	Common Stock	3,027		3,027	D	
Stock Option	\$120.86							07/15/2024	07/14/2033	Common Stock	3,382		3,382	D	
Stock Option	\$121.63							07/15/2025	07/14/2034	Common Stock	3,351		3,351	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This transaction was a sell-to-cover exercise, with shares sold to cover the option exercise price and taxes, and the reporting person retaining all remaining shares.
- Exercise of stock options approaching 10-year expiration date.

Prabha S. Bhandari, Attorney-in-fact 04/16/2025

\*\* 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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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all men by these present that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Prabha S. Bhandari and Robert L. Schrader as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Paychex, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
  - (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
  - (3) neither the Company nor such attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
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(4) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants the foregoing attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Joseph Velli \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph Velli

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF MONROE

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2024, Joseph Velli personally appeared before me, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Dana L. Bolia \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Dana L Bolia  
Notary Public, State of New York  
Registration No. 01BO5068323  
Qualified in Monroe County  
My Commission Expires 10/28/2026

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