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

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**SCHEDULE 14A**  
**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**Ciena Corporation**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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# Your **Vote** Counts!

CIENA CORPORATION

2024 Annual Meeting  
Vote by March 20, 2024  
11:59 PM ET



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## You invested in CIENA CORPORATION and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on March 21, 2024.**

### Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement, Annual Report with Form 10-K online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to March 7, 2024. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com). If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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#### Vote Virtually at the Meeting\*

March 21, 2024  
3:00 PM EDT

Virtually at:  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CIEN2024](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CIEN2024)

\*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

## THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of four Class III Directors and one Class II Director: <b>Nominees:</b>	
1a. Hassan M. Ahmed, Ph.D.	✔ For
1b. Bruce L. Clafin	✔ For
1c. Patrick T. Gallagher	✔ For
1d. T. Michael Nevens	✔ For
1e. Mary G. Puma	✔ For
2. Approval of the amendment to the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan, including to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 10.1 million shares.	✔ For
3. Approval of an amendment to Ciena's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, to provide for officer exculpation.	✔ For
4. Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2024.	✔ For
5. Advisory vote on our named executive officer compensation, as described in the proxy materials.	✔ For
<b>NOTE:</b> Such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.	

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