

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 26, 2026**

Ciena Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number: **001-36250**

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

7035 Ridge Road, Hanover, MD

(Address of principal executive offices)

23-2725311

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

21076

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(410) 694-5700**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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
Common stock, \$0.01 par value	CIEN	New York Stock Exchange

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.

ITEM 5.07 - SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

Ciena Corporation ("Ciena") held its 2026 annual meeting of stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") on March 26, 2026. As of the January 27, 2026 record date, there were 141,463,456 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. The matters described below were voted on by stockholders at the Annual Meeting and the number of votes cast with respect to each matter, and with respect to the election of directors, were as indicated below:

<u>Proposal 1 - Election of Directors</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Non-Votes</u>
Joanne B. Olsen	104,605,000	15,351,009	94,896	8,494,321
Mary G. Puma	114,242,082	5,745,697	63,126	8,494,321
Gary B. Smith	118,653,413	1,345,108	52,384	8,494,321

Each director nominee above was elected by the vote of the majority of the votes cast by stockholders in accordance with Ciena's bylaws. Each Class II director will serve a three-year term expiring at the 2029 annual meeting of stockholders, and until such director's successor is duly elected and qualified, or until such director's earlier death, resignation, or removal from the Board of Directors.

<u>Proposal 2 - Ratification of Independent Auditors</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Non-Votes</u>
Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Ciena's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2026:	123,082,607	5,389,750	72,869	(0)

<u>Proposal 3 - Stockholder Advisory Vote</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Non-Votes</u>
A stockholder advisory vote on the named executive officer compensation described in the proxy materials:	114,515,974	5,360,579	174,352	8,494,321

Proposals 2 and 3 were each approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of shares present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on these proposals, with abstentions having the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" and broker non-votes not counted as a vote either "FOR" or "AGAINST" and having no effect on the outcome of the vote.

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.

Ciena Corporation

Date: March 31, 2026

By: /S/ Sheela Kosaraju

Sheela Kosaraju

SVP, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary