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

FORM 10-K/A (Amendment No. 1)

# oxtimes Annual report pursuant to section 13 or 15(d) of the securities exchange act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022

	For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2	022	
	OR		
☐ TRANSITION REPORT PUR	RSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE	SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934	
	For the transition period from	to	
	•		
	Commission file number 001-39096	_	
	AKERNA CORP.		
	(Exact name of registrant as specified in its cl	harter)	
Delaware		83-2242651	
(State or other jurisdiction		(I.R.S. Employer	
of incorporation or organization	n)	Identification No.)	
1550 Larimer Street #246 Denver, 0		80202	
(Address of principal executive of	fices)	(Zip Code)	
Regis	trant's telephone number, including area code:	(888) 932-6537	
\$	Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b)	of the Act:	
Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on v	which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	KERN	Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (Nasc	daq Capital Market)
Warrants to purchase common stock	KERNW	Nasdaq Stock Market LLC(Nasd	laq Capital Market)
	Securities registered under Section $12(g)$ of the	e Act: None	
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well	-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 or	f the Securities Act. Yes□ No ⊠	
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not re-	quired to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Sec	vion 15(d) of the Act Ves No X	
,		. ,	
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant ( oreceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant $\square$ No $\square$	has filed all reports required to be filed by Secregistrant was required to file such reports), and (in the such reports).		
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant h 3-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 m	as submitted electronically every Interactive Dat nonths (or for such shorter period that the registrar		
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated Exchange Act.	a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a no filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting co		
Large accelerated filer		Accelerated filer	
Non-accelerated filer ⊠		Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company	X X
If an amounting quarth common indicate he she	eck mark if the registrant has elected not to use th		
inancial accounting standards provided pursuant to Secti		e extended transition period for complying with	any new of revised
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant linancial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-	nas filed a report on and attestation to its manage Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered p		
If securities are registered pursuant to Section 1: he correction of an error to previously issued financial st	$2(b)$ of the Act, indicate by check mark whether thatements. $\Box$	ne financial statements of the registrant included	l in the filing reflect
Indicate by check mark whether any of those en the registrant's executive officers during the relevant reco	for corrections are restatements that required a recovery period pursuant to $\$240.10D-1(b)$ . $\square$	covery analysis of incentive based compensation	1 received by any of
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is	a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the	Act) Yes□ No ⊠	
The aggregate market value of the voting and not be closing price per share of \$2.76 on June 30, 2022.	on-voting common stock of Akerna Corp held by	y non-affiliates of Akerna Corp was \$4,750,854	million based upon
As of April 28, 2023,5,767,782 shares of the r	egistrant's common stock, \$0.0001 par value per s	share, were issued and outstanding.	
Auditor Name:	Auditor Location:	Auditor Firm I	ID:

Marcum llp Los Angeles, CA 688

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Akerna Corp. (the "Company," "we," "us," "our," or "Akerna") is filing this Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A (this "Amendment") to amend our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 (the "Original 10-K"), as originally filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on March 21, 2023. The purpose of this Amendment is to include Part III information which was to be incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement for our 2023 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. This information was previously omitted from the Original 10-K in reliance on General Instruction G(3) to Form 10-K, which permits the Part III information to be incorporated in our Form 10-K by reference from our definitive proxy statement is filed no later than 120 days after our fiscal year-end. We are filing this Amendment to include Part III information in our Form 10-K because a definitive proxy statement containing such information will not be filed by the Company within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by our Form 10-K. The reference on the cover to the Form 10-K to the incorporation by reference to portions of our definitive proxy statement into Part III of the Form 10-K is hereby deleted. This Amendment hereby amends and restates the cover page and Part III, Items 10 through 14 in their entirety.

In accordance with Rule 12b-15 under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the cover page to the Form 10-K, Part III, Items 10 through 14 of our Form 10-K and Part IV of our Form 10-K are hereby amended and restated in their entirety. In addition, new certifications of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer are attached, each as of the filing date of this Amendment. This Amendment does not amend or otherwise update any other information in our Original 10-K. Accordingly, this Amendment should be read in conjunction with our Original 10-K and with our filings with the SEC subsequent to our Original 10-K.

#### TABLE OF CONTENTS

PART III		1
ITEM 10.	DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	1
ITEM 11.	EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION	6
ITEM 12.	SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS	13
ITEM 13.	CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE	17
ITEM 14.	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES	19
PART IV		20
ITEM 15.	EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES	20
ITEM 16.	10-K SUMMARY	20
<b>SIGNATU</b>	<u>RES</u>	21

### PART III

# Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

#### **Directors and Executive Officers**

Name	Age	Position
Jessica Billingsley	44	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer <sup>(3)</sup>
Scott Sozio	42	Director <sup>(2)</sup>
Matthew R. Kane	41	Director <sup>(1)</sup>
Tahira Rehmatullah	40	Director <sup>(1)</sup>
Barry Fishman	64	Director <sup>(3)</sup>
Larry Dean Ditto, Jr.	56	Chief Financial Officer
Ray Thompson	52	Special Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer
David McCullough	45	Chief Technology Officer

- (1) Class I director.
- (2) Class II director.
- (3) Class III director.

Jessica Billingsley has served as Chief Executive Officer and director since the consummation of our Business Combination on June 17, 2019, and Chairman of the Board since July 2019. Ms. Billingsley co-founded MJF, our wholly-owned subsidiary, in 2010 and served as President of MJF from 2010 to April 2018 and Chief Executive Officer since May 2018. An early investor in one of Colorado's first legal medical cannabis businesses, Ms. Billingsley created the category of cannabis seed-to-sale technology after seeing the need first-hand. Prior to MJF, Ms. Billingsley was the founder and chief executive officer of Zoco, a technology services firm with clients across the United States. Ms. Billingsley has 20 years of technology and systems experience with rapidly scaling businesses, and founded her first business at the age of 22. Ms. Billingsley served on the board of the National Cannabis Industry Association from 2012 – 2019 and currently serves as Chair of the Board of the United States Cannabis Council. Ms. Billingsley was named one of Fortune's 10 most promising women entrepreneurs in 2015 and named one of Inc. Magazine's 100 Female Founders in 2018. Ms. Billingsley holds a dual degree from the University of Georgia in Computer Science and Communications. Ms. Billingsley was selected to serve on our Board based on her

extensive experience with technology and systems companies, broad experience in the telecommunications industry, and her background as an entrepreneur.

Scott Sozio has served as a director since October 2018, prior to the consummation of our merger on June 17, 2019. From October 2018 until the consummation of the merger on June 17, 2019, Mr. Sozio served as President and Secretary of Akerna. From September 2017 and until the merger in June 2019, Mr. Sozio served as the chief executive officer and a director of MTech Acquisition Corp. Since July 2019, Mr. Sozio has served as Head of Corporate Development., Mr. Sozio is the co-founder of Hypur Ventures and since June 2016, has served as its managing director. Since April 2015, Mr. Sozio has served as a director of Hypur Inc., a financial technology firm focused on banking compliance. Since September 2016, Mr. Sozio has served as a director of Simplifya Holdings, LLC, a cannabis compliance technology business, both portfolio companies of Hypur Ventures. Since February 2013, Mr. Sozio has served as a partner in Van Dyke Holdings, where he is responsible for its private investment portfolio. Prior to joining Van Dyke Holdings, Mr. Sozio was a vice president of Bay Harbour Management L.C., a distressed-debt focused hedge fund. He joined Bay Harbour in 2004 after working in the Financial Restructuring Advisory Group at CIBC World Markets. Mr. Sozio is the former Chairman of Island One, Inc., a timeshare company based in Florida (from 2011 to 2012), and acquired by Diamond Resorts as part of Diamond's initial public offering, and a former director of Great Destinations, Inc., a timeshare sales business based in California (from 2013 to 2016), and acquired by Interval International in 2016. Mr. Sozio holds a B.A. in Architecture from Columbia University. Mr. Sozio was selected to serve on our Board based on his extensive experience in finance and investment management and his broad experience with working with cannabis companies.

Matthew R. Kane has served as a director since the consummation of our merger on June 17, 2019. Since December 2015, Mr. Kane has served as a director or MJF. In 2002, Mr. Kane co-founded and served as co-chief executive officer of Green Shades Software, Inc., a human resources, payroll and tax reporting software company, until 2019 where he has since served as a board member. Additionally, Mr. Kane has served as chief executive officer of Welltality, a health care technology start-up, from 2014 to 2018, where he has since served as a board member. He received his bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from Jacksonville University in 2001, an MBA from the Warrington College of Business at the University of Florida in 2006, and a Masters in Information and Data Service at the University of California, Berkeley in 2020. He previously served for 11 years on the board of Jacksonville University from 2007 to May 2018 and was reappointed in 2019. Mr. Kane was selected to serve on our Board based on his extensive experience in in the software technology applications industry.

1

Tahira Rehmatullah has served as a director since consummation of our merger on June 17, 2019. Since October 2018, prior to the merger and until consummation of the merger in June 2019, Ms. Rehmatullah served as Vice President and Treasurer. Since 2016, Ms. Rehmatullah has been president of T3 Ventures, a strategy and management consulting firm. From September 2017 to June 2019, Ms. Rehmatullah was the chief financial officer of MTech Acquisitions Inc. From 2016 to 2019, Ms. Rehmatullah was a managing director of Hypur Ventures, where she was responsible for portfolio company management as well as investment sourcing and execution. From June 2017 to June 2018, Ms. Rehmatullah served as a director of Dope Media, a cannabis media company and portfolio company of Hypur Ventures. Prior to joining Hypur Ventures, from 2014 to 2016 Ms. Rehmatullah served as the general manager of Marley Natural, a cannabis brand based on the life and legacy of Bob Marley, where she was responsible for the brand launch as well as managing its day-to-day operations. From 2014 to 2016, Ms. Rehmatullah served as an investment manager at Privateer Holdings, a private equity firm with investments in the legal cannabis industry. Prior to her activities in the cannabis industry, from 2011 to 2012, Ms. Rehmatullah was a portfolio manager at City First Enterprises where she was responsible for underwriting, structuring and managing deals for their community development and investment portfolio. From 2007 to 2011, Ms. Rehmatullah was an associate at Perry Capital where she led research initiatives for the asset-backed securities team. Her career began in Ernst & Young's Financial Services Advisory practice in 2005. Ms. Rehmatullah holds an M.B.A. from the Yale School of Management and a B.S. in Finance and minor in Life Sciences from The Ohio State University. Ms. Rehmatullah was selected to serve on our Board based on her extensive experience in finance and investment management and her broad experience working with cannabis companies.

Barry Fishman has served as a director since he was elected to the Board at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders on June 7, 2021. Over the past two decades, Barry has been the Chief Executive Officer of four life science companies (two listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange), including VIVO Cannabis from 2017-2020, Merus Labs International from 2014-2017, Teva Canada from 2003-2012 and Taro Canada from 2000-2003. From 1979-1982, Mr. Fishman was a Senior Associate at Deloitte. Mr. Fishman has also served as a director of five public and three not-for-profit organizations. In 2015, Barry was inaugurated into the Canadian Healthcare Marketing Hall of Fame for his contributions to healthcare and exemplary service to the community. Mr. Fishman is a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Fishman holds a Bachelor degree in Communications from McGill University. Mr. Fishman was selected to serve on our Board based on his extensive public company experience as both a Chief Executive Officer and a director and based on his being a Certified Public Accountant who can provide better guidance on accounting issues and review on the Company's audit committee.

Larry Dean Ditto, Jr. On July 25, 2022, the Company appointed Mr. Ditto as the Company's Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Ditto was previously appointed as the Company's Interim Chief Financial Officer on May 11, 2022, effective May 17, 2022, and he has served as accounting and financial consultant for Akerna since April 21, 2022. Mr. Ditto is the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of Mydecine Innovations Group, Inc ("Mydecine"), where he has served as CFO since December 2020 and will continue to serve as CFO concurrent to his service as the Company's Interim CFO. Prior to his service at Mydecine, Mr. Ditto served Sigue Corporation from June 2019 through December 2020. He was the company's CFO and, following his CFO tenure, also supported the company as a Financial Consultant. He served as the Vice President April 2018. Mr. Ditto holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Management from Albion College and holds a Master of Business Administration from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University.

Ray Thompson was appointed Special Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer in May 2022, and he served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Akerna from January 2022 to May 2022 and Chief Operating Officer from November 2018 to January 2022. From November 2016 to January 2018, Mr. Thompson worked as the head of customer and sales Operations for Gloo, a people development SaaS company. During that time, Mr. Thompson reported to the executive team to develop and execute on market strategies, product offerings, financial projections, and talent management. From October 2008 to October 2016, Mr. Thompson served as corporate senior vice president of VisionLink, a multiagency humanitarian software platform, managing across all aspects of the business providing enterprise SaaS solutions to federal and state governments and international humanitarian organizations. From 1996 to 2008, Mr. Thompson served in various executive sales and marketing roles across multiple technologies companies. Mr. Thompson holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Denver.

,

David McCullough has served as Chief Technology Officer of Akerna since July 1, 2020. Mr. McCullough has been with Akerna and MJF since 2015, previously serving as Akerna's executive vice president of product & engineering. Before joining MJF, Mr. McCullough was the Chief Technology Officer of StudentPublishing.com, during that time, he actively managed the technical aspects of Student Publishing's sale to and system integration with lulu.com. Mr. McCullough has over 16 years of software engineering experience, including extensive government systems experience. Mr. McCullough has previously served as a profession at New Mexico State University where he taught courses in data communications and networking. Mr. McCullough holds a master's degree in Computer Science. MCSE, CCNP, A+. N+.

### **Board Qualifications**

Our Board has not formally established any specific, minimum qualifications that must be met by each of its officers or directors or specific qualities or skills that are necessary for one or more of its officers or members of the Board to possess. However, we expect to generally evaluate the following qualities: educational background, diversity of professional experience, including whether the person is a current or was a former chief executive officer or chief financial officer of a public company or the

head of a division of a prominent organization, knowledge of our business, integrity, professional reputation, independence, wisdom, and ability to represent the best interests of our stockholders.

Our officers and the Board will be composed of a diverse group of leaders in their respective fields. Many of these officers or directors have senior leadership experience at various companies. In these positions, they have also gained experience in core management skills, such as strategic and financial planning, public company financial reporting, compliance, risk management, and leadership development. Many of our officers and directors also have experience serving on boards of directors and/or board committees of other public companies and private companies, and have an understanding of corporate governance practices and trends, which provides an understanding of different business processes, challenges, and strategies. Further, these officers and directors also have other experience that makes them valuable, such as managing and investing assets or facilitating the consummation of business investments and combinations.

We, along with our officers and directors, believe that the above-mentioned attributes, along with the leadership skills and other experiences of our officers and board members described above, provide us with a diverse range of perspectives and judgment necessary to facilitate our goals of shareholder value appreciation through organic and acquisition growth.

#### Number and Terms of Office of Officers and Directors

Our Board is divided into three classes: Class I; Class II; and Class III. The directors in Class I have a term expiring at this Annual Meeting and again at the 2025 annual meeting of stockholders, the directors in Class II have a term expiring at the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders, and the directors in Class III have a term expiring at the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders. The Class I directors are Matthew R. Kane and Tahira Rehmatullah, the Class II director is Scott Sozio, and the Class III directors are Jessica Billingsley and Barry Fishman.

Our officers are appointed by the Board and serve at the discretion of the Board, rather than for specific terms of office. Our Board is authorized to appoint persons to the offices set forth in our Amended and Restated Bylaws as it deems appropriate.

#### Arrangements between Officers and Directors

To our knowledge, there is no arrangement or understanding between any of our officers and any other person, including Directors, pursuant to which the officer was selected to serve as an officer.

3

#### **Family Relationships**

None of our Directors are related by blood, marriage, or adoption to any other Director, executive officer, or other key employees.

#### Other Directorships

None of the Directors of Akerna are currently also directors of issuers with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act (or which otherwise are required to file periodic reports under the Exchange Act). In the past five years, Mr. Fishman has served as a director to Merus Labs International Inc., Aurora Cannabis Inc., Field Trip Health Ltd., and VIVO Cannabis Inc.; and Ms. Rehmatullah served as a director for Good Works Acquisition Corp. from August 2020 to August 2021.

### **Legal Proceedings**

We are not aware of any of our directors or officers being involved in any legal proceedings in the past ten years relating to any matters in bankruptcy, insolvency, criminal proceedings (other than traffic and other minor offenses) or being subject to any of the items set forth under Item 401(f) of Regulation S-K.

### **Director Independence**

The Board evaluates the independence of each nominee for election as a director of our Company in accordance with the Listing Rules (the "Nasdaq Listing Rules") of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"). Pursuant to these rules, a majority of our Board must be "independent directors" within the meaning of the Nasdaq Listing Rules, and all directors who sit on our Audit Committee, Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee must also be independent directors.

The Nasdaq definition of "independence" includes a series of objective tests, such as the director or director nominee is not, and was not during the last three years, an employee of the Company and has not received certain payments from, or engaged in various types of business dealings with, the Company. In addition, as further required by the Nasdaq Listing Rules, the Board has made a subjective determination as to each independent director that no relationships exist which, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with such individual's exercise of independent judgment in carrying out his or her responsibilities as a director. In making these determinations, the Board reviewed and discussed information provided by the directors with regard to each director's business and personal activities as they may relate to Company and its management.

As a result, the Board has affirmatively determined that each of Matthew R. Kane, Tahira Rehmatullah, and Barry Fishman are independent in accordance with the Nadsaq Listing Rules. The Board has also affirmatively determined that all members of our Audit Committee, Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee are independent directors.

### Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of the Shares, to file reports of ownership and changes of ownership of such securities with the SEC.

4

Based solely on a review of the reports received by the SEC, the Company believes that, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the Company's officers, directors and greater than 10% owners timely filed all reports they were required to file under Section 16(a), except as set forth below:

	Number of Late Reports	Number of Missing Reports
Name	(Transactions)	(Transactions)
Jessica Billingsley	5 (5 Transactions)	

L. Dean Ditto		Form 3, 1 Form 4 (1 Transaction), Form 5
Barry Fishman	1 (1 Transaction)	
Matt Kane	1 (1 Transaction)	
Tahira Rehmutallah	1 (1 Transaction)	
Scott Sozio	1 (2 Transactions)	
Ray Thompson	2 (5 Transactions)	
David McCullough	1 (2 Transactions)	

#### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

We have a code of business conduct and ethics, or the Code of Ethics, that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors of Akerna and our affiliated entities. The Code of Ethics is available on our website at www.akerna.com and we will post any amendments to, or waivers from, including an implicit waiver, the Code of Ethics on that website.

### **Director Nominating Process**

The policy of our Nominating Committee is to consider properly submitted recommendations for candidates to the Board from stockholders. Any stockholder recommendations for consideration by the Nominating Committee should include the candidate's name, biographical information, information regarding any relationships between the candidate and the Company within the last three years, a description of all arrangements between the candidate and the recommending stockholder and any other person pursuant to which the candidate is being recommended, a written indication of the candidate's willingness to serve on the Board, any other information required to be provided under securities laws and regulations, and a written indication to provide such other information as the Nominating Committee may reasonably request. There are no differences in the manner in which the Nominating Committee evaluates nominees for director based on whether the nominee is recommended by a stockholder or otherwise. Stockholder recommendations to the Board should be sent to:

> Akerna Corp. 1550 Larimer Street #246, Denver, Colorado 80202 Attention: Secretary

In addition, our Amended and Restated Bylaws permit stockholders to nominate directors for consideration at an annual meeting of stockholders. Stockholders wishing to nominate a candidate for director at the annual meeting of stockholders must give written notice to Akerna Corp. 1630 Welton St., Floor 4, Denver, CO 80202, Attention: Secretary, either by personal delivery or by United States mail, postage prepaid. The stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not less than ninety (90) days nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first anniversary of the date of the immediately preceding year's annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that if the date of the annual meeting is advanced more than thirty (30) days prior to or delayed by more than sixty (60) days after the anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, to be timely, notice by the stockholder must be so received not later than the close of business on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day following the day on which notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting is first given or made (which for this purpose shall include any and all filings of the Corporation made on the EDGAR system of the SEC or any similar public database maintained by the SEC), whichever first occurs. To be timely for a special meeting of the stockholders called for the purpose of electing directors, a stockholder's written notice to the Secretary of the Corporation must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not later than thirty (30) days after the prior meeting of stockholders and no later than one hundred and eighty (180) days before the first anniversary date of the immediately preceding year's annual meeting of stockholders. To be in proper form, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary shall be in writing and shall set forth (i) the name and record address of such stockholder proposing such nomination and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made; (ii) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are, directly or indirectly, owned beneficially or of record by such stockholder; (iii) a description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material monetary agreements, arrangements or understandings during the past three years, and any other material relationships, between such stockholder and each proposed nominee, including, without limitation, all information that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to the Regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission if such stockholder were the "registrant" for purposes of such rule and the proposed nominee were a director or executive officer of such registrant; (iv) any derivative positions held or beneficially held, directly or indirectly, by such stockholder; (v) whether and the extent to which any hedging or other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any short position or any borrowing or lending of shares) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to or manage risk or benefit of share price changes for, or to increase or decrease the voting power of, such stockholder with respect to any share of stock of the Corporation; (v) a representation that such stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the persons named in its notice; and (vii) any other information relating to such stockholder that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings of the proposing stockholder required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Such notice must be accompanied by a written consent of each proposed nominee to being named or referred to as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected. The Corporation may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information (which may include attending meetings to discuss the furnished information) as may reasonably be required by the Corporation to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a director of the Corporation.

### **Audit Committee and Audit Committee Financial Expert**

We have a separately-designated standing Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and Nasdag Listing Rules. In addition, our Board adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee, which is available on the Company's website at www.akerna.com, which complies with the requirements of Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act.

The Audit Committee consists of Barry Fishman, Matthew R. Kane, and Tahira Rehmatullah, each of whom is independent within the meaning of the Nasdaq Listing Rules and Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act. In addition, each Audit Committee member satisfies the Audit Committee independence standards under the Exchange Act. Our Board has determined that Mr. Fishman qualifies as an Audit Committee financial expert, as defined by SEC rules, based on education, experience and background. Mr. Fishman serves as chairperson of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee's duties, include, but are not limited to: (i) reviewing and discussing with management and the independent auditor the annual audited financial statements, and recommending to the board whether the audited financial statements should be included in our annual reports; (ii) discussing with management and the independent auditor significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of our financial statements; (iii) discussing with management major risk assessment and risk management policies; (iv) monitoring the independence of the independent auditor; (v) verifying the rotation of the lead (or coordinating) audit partner having primary responsibility for the audit and the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit as required by law; (vi) reviewing and approving all related-party transactions; (vii) inquiring and discussing with management our compliance with applicable laws and regulations; (viii) pre-approving all audit services and permitted non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditor, including the fees and terms of the services to be performed; (ix) appointing or replacing the independent auditor; (x) determining the compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditor (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditor regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work; (xi) establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by us regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or reports which raise material issues regarding our financial statements or accounting policies; and (xii) approving reimbursement of expenses incurred by our management team in identifying potential target businesses.

#### Item 11. Executive Compensation

Our named executive officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 are Jessica Billingsley, our Chief Executive Officer, L. Dean Ditto, our Chief Financial Officer, David McCullough, our Chief Technology Officer and Ray Thompson, our former Chief Operating Officer.

### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth all information concerning the compensation earned, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, six-month transition period ended December 31, 2020, and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 for services rendered to us by persons who served as our named executive officers at the end of December 31, 2022.

		Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards	All Other Compensation	Total
Name and Principal Position	Year	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(i)	(j)
Jessica Billingsley	2022	297,916	-	-	6,587(2)	304,503
Chief Executive Officer	2021	262,500	201,866(3)	108,200(4)	11,774(5)	584,340
	2020TP	125,000	81,625(6)	125,450(7)	740(8)	332,815
	2020	250,000	54,750(9)	153,474(10)	21,780(11)	480,004
Ray Thompson	2022	233,854	-	-	-	233,854
Former Chief Operating Officer	2021	200,000	-	83,200(12)	-	283,200
	2020TP	100,000	-	94,200(13)	-	194,200
David McCullough	2022	240,432	-	-	-	240,432
Chief Technology Officer	2021	200,000	60,075(14)	83,200(15)	-	343,275
	2020TP	100,000	-	94,200(16)	-	194,200
L. Dean Ditto (17)  Chief Financial Officer	2022	68,750	-	25,000(18)	49,200(19)	142,950

(1) In November 2022, the Company effected a 20-for-1 reverse stock split (the "Reverse Stock Split"). As a result, all references to stock-based awards issued before the Reverse Stock Split are noted parenthetically and adjusted downward by dividing by 20 in order to maintain the ratio of one unit/restricted share/share being equivalent to one share on Common Stock.

6

- (2) In addition to cash and stock awards, Ms. Billingsley may redeem loyalty awards generated by corporate purchases made on certain credit cards for her personal use. During the year ended 2022, Ms. Billingsley redeemed \$6,587 in loyalty awards for her personal use.
- (3) Pursuant to Ms. Billingsley's employment agreement with Akerna, she is eligible for a bonus that is determined by the Board on the basis of fulfillment of the objective performance criteria established in its discretion. For the year ended 2021, the bonus was determined based Akerna's relative performance against budgeted targets, as further described below. The Board evaluated the achievement of these targets and Ms. Billingsley's 2021 fiscal year bonus amount was \$201,866.
- (4) During the year ended 2021, Ms. Billingsley was awarded 20,000 restricted stock units (1,000 after the Reverse Stock Split) with a grant date fair value of \$83,200. These awards vest 25% annually on December 1 with the final vesting occurring on December 1, 2024. As compensation for the 2021 fiscal year, Ms. Billingsley was also awarded a discretionary bonus of 22,322 restricted shares (1,117 after the Reverse Stock Split) with a grant date fair value of \$25,000. These shares fully vested on April 12, 2022.
- (5) In addition to cash and stock awards, Ms. Billingsley may redeem loyalty awards generated by corporate purchases made on certain credit cards for her personal use. During the year ended 2022, Ms. Billingsley redeemed \$11,774 in loyalty awards for her personal use.
- (6) Pursuant to Ms. Billingsley's employment agreement with Akerna, she is eligible for a bonus that is determined by the Board on the basis of fulfillment of the objective performance criteria established in its discretion. For the transition period 2020, the transition period bonus was determined based Akerna's relative performance against budgeted targets, as further described below. The Board evaluated the achievement of these targets and Ms. Billingsley's transition period 2020 bonus amount was \$81.625.
- (7) During the transition period 2020, Ms. Billingsley was awarded 20,000 restricted stock units (1,000 after the Reverse Stock Split) with a grant date fair value of \$94,200. These awards vest 25% annually on July 1 with the final vesting occurring on July 1, 2024. As compensation for the 2020 transition period, Ms. Billingsley was also awarded a discretionary bonus of 7,548 restricted shares (375 after the Reverse Stock Split) with a grant date fair value of \$31,250. These shares fully vested on April 26, 2021.
- (8) In addition to cash and stock awards, Ms. Billingsley may redeem loyalty awards generated by corporate purchases made on certain credit cards for her personal use. During the year ended 2022, Ms. Billingsley redeemed \$740 in loyalty awards for her personal use.
- (9) Pursuant to Ms. Billingsley's employment agreement with Akerna, she is eligible for an annual bonus that is determined by the Board on the basis of fulfillment of the objective performance criteria established in its discretion. For the 2020 fiscal year, the annual bonus was determined based Akerna's relative performance against budgeted targets, as further described below. The Board evaluated the achievement of these targets and Ms. Billingsley's 2020 annual bonus amount was \$54,750.
- (10) During 2020, Ms. Billingsley was awarded 10,000 restricted stock units (500 after the Reverse Stock Split) with a grant date fair value of \$57,900. These awards vest 25% annually on July 1 with the final vesting occurring on July 1, 2023. Ms. Billingsley was awarded share-based compensation that was conditioned upon the price of a share of our Common Stock achieving a specified total return as of June 30, 2020. This award had a grant date fair value of \$12,465. The total return target was not achieved, as such no shares will be issued pursuant to this award. Ms. Billingsley was also awarded a share based annual bonus award of 19,694 shares of Common Stock (985 after the Reverse Stock Split). This award had a grant date fair value of \$83,109.
- (11) In addition to cash and stock awards, Ms. Billingsley may redeem loyalty awards generated by corporate purchases made on certain credit cards for her personal use. During the year ended 2022, Ms. Billingsley redeemed \$21,780 in loyalty awards for her personal use.
- (12) During the year ended 2021, Mr. Thompson was awarded 20,000 restricted stock units (1,000 after the Reverse Stock Split) with a grant date fair value of \$83,200. These awards vest 25% annually on December 1 with the final vesting occurring on December 1, 2024.
- (13) During the transition period 2020, Mr. Thompson was awarded 20,000 restricted stock units (1,000 after the Reverse Stock Split) with a grant date fair value of \$94,200. These awards vest 25% annually on July 1 with the final vesting occurring on July 1, 2024.

- (14) During the year ended 2021, Mr. McCullough was awarded a discretionary cash bonus of \$60,075.
- (15) During the year ended 2021, Mr. McCullough was awarded 20,000 restricted stock units (1,000 after the Reverse Stock Split) with a grant date fair value of \$83,200. These awards vest 25% annually on December 1 with the final vesting occurring on December 1, 2024.
- (16) During the transition period 2020, Mr. McCullough was awarded 20,000 restricted stock units (1,000 after the Reverse Stock Split) with a grant date fair value of \$94,200. These awards vest 25% annually on July 1 with the final vesting occurring on July 1, 2024.
- (17) On July 25, 2022, Mr. Ditto was appointed as the Company's Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Ditto was previously appointed as the Company's Interim Chief Financial Officer on May 11, 2022, effective May 17, 2022.
- (18) On July 25, Mr. Ditto was awarded a discretionary bonus of 134,013 restricted shares (6,701 after the Reverse Stock Split) with a grant date fair value of \$25,000. These shares fully vested on the grant date.
- (19) In the period during which Mr. Ditto was serving as the Company's Interim Chief Financial Officer, he was compensated as a consultant for \$49,200.

7

### **Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers**

#### Jessica Billingsley

In connection with the consummation of the mergers on June 17, 2019, Ms. Billingsley and Akerna entered into an employment agreement, dated June 17, 2019 (the "Billingsley Employment Agreement"). Under the terms of the Billingsley Employment Agreement, Ms. Billingsley serves at the Chief Executive Officer of Akerna at will, and must devote substantially all of her working time, skill and attention to her position and to the business and interests of Akerna (except for customary exclusions).

Akerna pays Ms. Billingsley an annual base salary in the amount of \$250,000. The base salary is subject to (1) review at least annually by the Board for increase, but not decrease, and (2) automatic increase by an amount equal to \$50,000 from its then current level on the date upon which Akerna's aggregate, gross consolidated trailing twelve month (TTM) revenue equals the product of (x) two <u>multiplied</u> by (y) Akerna's TTM revenue as of the Closing. Effective October 1, 2021, Ms. Billingsley's annual base salary was increased to \$300,000. Within ten days of the consummation of the Merger Agreement, Akerna paid Ms. Billingsley a completion award in a single lump sum of \$95,000.

Ms. Billingsley will be eligible for an annual bonus (the "Annual Bonus") with respect to each fiscal year ending during her employment. Her target annual cash bonus shall be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of her base salary (the "Target Bonus") with the opportunity to earn greater than the Target Bonus upon achievement of above target performance. The amount of the Annual Bonus shall be determined by the Board on the basis of fulfillment of the objective performance criteria established in its reasonable discretion. The performance criteria for any particular fiscal year shall be set no later than ninety days after the commencement of the relevant fiscal year. For the 2021 fiscal year, the Annual Bonus shall be determined based upon four (4) budget components (B2B Software Revenue, B2G Software Revenue, Services Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA) and NPS Scores With regards to the budget components, each scales linearly between achieving 75% to 100%, and greater than 100% with respect to the B2B Software Revenue, B2G Software Revenue, and Adjusted EBITDA target budget components respectively, of the applicable fiscal year's budget for each such component (with 50% of the Target Bonus payable upon achievement of 75% of budget, 100% of the Target Bonus payable upon achievement of budget (and, with respect to the B2B Software Revenue, B2G Software Revenue, and Adjusted EBITDA budget components, with 200% of each weighted portion of the Target Bonus payable upon achievement of 125% of the corresponding component of budget, with linear interpolation between points. Accelerator to be paid at the discretion of the Board of Directors in cash, stock, or both. For the transition period 2020 and the 2020 fiscal year, the Annual Bonus was determined based upon the following four (4) budget components, each of which scales linearly between achieving 75% to 100%, and greater than 100% with respect to the Platform Recurring Revenue (as defined in Billingsley Employment Agreement) and Government Recurring Revenue (as defined in Billingsley Employment Agreement) budget components respectively, of the applicable fiscal year's budget for each such component (with 50% of the Target Bonus payable upon achievement of 75% of budget, 100% of the Target Bonus payable upon achievement of budget (and, with respect to the Platform Recurring Revenue and Government Recurring Revenue budget components, with 200% of each weighted portion of the Target Bonus payable upon achievement of 125% of the corresponding component of budget, with linear interpolation between points)). During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, due to achieving targets Ms. Billingsley received a bonus of \$54,750 and she received a discretionary share bonus of \$90,000 worth of the Company's shares of Common Stock based on the 10-day volume weighted average price as of the date of the award, which resulted in the issuance of 19,694 shares of Common Stock with a grant date fair value of \$83,109. During the transition period ended December 31, 2020, due to achieving targets Ms. Billingsley received a bonus of \$81,625.

8

Ms. Billingsley is entitled to participate in annual equity awards and employee benefits. She is indemnified by Akerna to for any and all expenses (including advancement and payment of attorneys' fees) and losses arising out of or relating to any of her actual or alleged acts, omissions, negligence or active or passive wrongdoing, including, the advancement of expenses she incurs. The foregoing indemnification is in addition to the indemnification provided to her by Akerna pursuant to her Indemnification Agreement.

In the event of Ms. Billingsley's termination for cause or without good reason, Akerna will be obligated to pay any accrued but unpaid base salary and any annual bonus earned and awarded for the fiscal year prior to that in which the termination occurs. In the event of Ms. Billingsley's termination without cause or with good reason, Akerna will be obligated to pay any accrued but unpaid base salary, any annual bonus earned and awarded for the fiscal year prior to that in which the termination occurs, a cash severance payment equal to her base salary, pro-rated annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination occurs through the date of termination, and twelve months of health benefits

The Billingsley Employment Agreement also contains noncompetition and non-solicitation provisions that apply through her employment and for a term of one year thereafter, and which are in addition to the noncompetition and non-solicitation provisions prescribed under a certain Non-Competition Agreement between Ms. Billingsley and Akerna. The Billingsley Employment Agreement also contains a non-disparagement provision that apply through her employment and for a term of two years thereafter.

### L. Dean Ditto

Mr. Ditto entered into a letter agreement with Akerna on August 18, 2022 (the "Ditto Letter Agreement"). Mr. Ditto serves as the Chief Financial Officer of Akerna on an at-will-basis. Pursuant to the Ditto Letter Agreement, Mr. Ditto's initial compensation package includes an annual base salary of \$250,000, subject to all legal withholdings and deductions. Mr. Ditto will also immediately vest with \$25,000 in Restricted Stock Units, which are subject to the terms of consulting agreement he previously executed.

Prior to Mr. Ditto's appointment as Chief Financial Officer, the Company and Mr. Ditto entered into a consultant agreement dated April 21, 2022 (the "Ditto Consulting Agreement"). Pursuant to the Ditto Consulting Agreement, Mr. Ditto had agreed to perform certain financial and accounting related services and the Company granted Mr. Ditto restricted stock units that are valued at \$25,000 that immediately vested upon the grant.

Subject to Mr. Ditto's continued employment with Akerna through the occurrence of the first closing of a sale transaction of the majority of MJ Freeway at a reasonable and acceptable sale transactional valuation amount as determined by and at the sole discretion of the Akerna Board of Directors or a change in control (as defined in the Ditto Letter Agreement), Akerna will be obligated to pay Mr. Ditto a lump sum of \$125,000 in one installment, within 60 days of the change in control event, subject to the requirements described in the Ditto Letter Agreement and less applicable payroll taxes and deductions.

9

#### Ray Thompson

On October 19, 2018, Mr. Thompson entered into a letter agreement with Akerna's wholly owned subsidiary MJ Freeway LLC. Mr. Thompson served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Akerna at will. Akerna paid Mr. Thompson an annual base salary of \$200,000 in 2021. As part of his appointment as the Company's President under the Company's 2022 executive compensation structure, Mr. Thompson received an annual base salary of \$275,000 and Mr. Thompson's performance target annual cash bonus shall be 25% of his base salary. At the Board's discretion, Mr. Thompson may be eligible for a bonus. Upon a change of control transaction, Mr. Thompson's unvested restricted stock units or any other equity interests that he may be granted, will immediately vest. If Mr. Thompson's employment is terminated by Akerna without cause or by him with good reason, he is entitled to his base salary through the date of termination.

Akerna entered into an Employee Covenant Agreement with Mr. Thompson, which obligates Mr. Thompson from disclosing any confidential information, including without limitation, trade secrets. The agreement also prohibits Mr. Thompson during the term of his employment and for a period of two years after his employment from soliciting any customer, client, employee, supplier or vendor of Akerna, and rendering any services or giving advice to any competitor or affiliate of a competitor. The agreement also requires Mr. Thompson to return all Akerna property and disclose all work product to Akerna.

On May 16, 2022, Akerna and Mr. Thompson agreed to a transition, effective immediately, by which Mr. Thompson will move from his current role as President and Chief Operating Officer to Special Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer. In that role, Mr. Thompson will continue to assist the Chief Executive Officer with certain of the day-to-day operations of the Company and advise the Company on various aspects of corporate strategy.

### David McCullough

Mr. McCullough does not have a formal letter agreement with Akerna in relation to his employment as the Chief Technology Officer. Akerna paid Mr. McCullough an annual base salary of \$200,000 for 2021. Under the Company's 2022 executive compensation structure, Mr. McCullough will receive a base salary of \$250,000 and Mr. McCullough's performance target annual cash bonus shall be 25% of his base salary. At the Board's discretion, Mr. McCullough may be eligible for a bonus. Upon a change of control transaction, Mr. McCullough's unvested restricted stock units or any other equity interests that he may be granted, will immediately vest. If Mr. McCullough's employment is terminated by Akerna without cause or by him with good reason, he is entitled to his base salary through the date of termination.

Akerna entered into an Employee Covenant Agreement with Mr. McCullough, which obligates Mr. McCullough from disclosing any confidential information, including without limitation, trade secrets. The agreement also prohibits Mr. McCullough during the term of his employment and for a period of two years after his employment from soliciting any customer, client, employee, supplier or vendor of Akerna, and rendering any services or giving advice to any competitor or affiliate of a competitor. The agreement also requires Mr. McCullough to return all Akerna property and disclose all work product to Akerna.

### Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

As described above under "Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers," the Company has entered into employment agreements with each of the named executive officers that provide for certain severance payments and benefits in the event the named executive officer's employment with the Company is terminated under certain circumstances.

In addition, upon a Change in Control of the Company, unvested equity awards held by an executive officer will be accelerated as follows: (i) outstanding stock options and other awards in the nature of rights that may be exercised shall become fully vested and exercisable, (ii) time-based restrictions on restricted stock, restricted stock units and other equity awards shall lapse and the awards shall become fully vested, and (iii) performance-based equity awards, if any, shall become vested and shall be deemed earned based on an assumed achievement of all relevant performance goals at "target" levels, and shall payout pro rata to reflect the portion of the performance period that had elapsed prior to the Change in Control.

10

The table below shows the estimated value of benefits to each of the named executive officers if their employment had been terminated under various circumstances as of May 1, 2023. The amounts shown in the table exclude accrued but unpaid base salary, unreimbursed employment-related expenses, accrued but unpaid vacation pay, and the value of equity awards that were vested by their terms as of May 1, 2023.

	Involuntary Termination Without a Change in Control (\$)		Involuntary ermination in Connection ith a Change in Control (\$)	Death (\$)	Disability (\$)	Termination for Cause; Voluntary Resignation (\$)
Jessica Billingsley						
Cash severance (1)	\$ 300,000	\$	300,000			
Bonus (2)	-	\$	300,000			
Health benefits (3)	\$ 2,400	\$	2,400			
Value of equity acceleration (4)	\$ 934	\$	934			
Total	\$ 303,334	\$	603,334			
L. Dean Ditto						
Cash severance (1)	\$ 83,333	\$	83,333			

Bonus		-	\$ 125,000		
Health benefits (3)	\$	2,400	\$ 2,400		
Value of equity acceleration (4)	_			 	
Total	\$	85 733	\$ 210 733		

- (1) Reflects severance payment equal to one times base salary payable in equal monthly installments for 12 months for Ms. Billingsley and one third of base salary for Mr. Ditto.
- (2) Reflects change in control success bonuses equal to one times base salary for Ms. Billingsley and one half of base salary for Mr. Ditto.
- (3) Reflects the Company's estimated cost of continued health coverage at active employee rates for three months.
- (4) Reflects the value of unvested in-the-money stock options and restricted stock units, or RSUs, that vest upon the designated event.
- (5)
- (6)
- (7)

11

### Outstanding Equity Awards at 2022 Fiscal Year-End

A summary of the number and the value of the outstanding equity awards as of December 31, 2022 held by the named executive officers is set out in the table below.

Stock Awards <sup>(1)</sup>								
Name	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested(#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)				
Jessica Billingsley	-	-	125(2)	86				
Chief Executive Officer	-	-	500(3)	345				
	-	-	500(4)	345				
Ray Thompson	334(5)	230	125(2)	86				
Chief Operating Officer	-	-	334(6)	230				
	-	-	313(7)	216				
	-	-	500(3) 500(4)	345 345				
David McCullough	<u> </u>		100(8)	69				
Chief Technology Officer	_	-	500(3)	345				
,	-	-	500(4)	345				

There were no options granted in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

- (1) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Company.
- (2) Represents 125 RSUs which vest on July 1, 2023.
- (3) Represents 500 RSUs, which vest as follows: 250 units shall vest on July 1, 2023, and 250 units shall vest on July 1, 2024.
- (4) Represents 500 RSUs, which vest as follows: 250 units shall vest on December 1, 2023, and 250 units shall vest on December 1, 2024.
- (5) Represents 334 shares of restricted stock which vest on January 1, 2023.
- (6) Represents 334 RSUs which vest on January 1, 2023.
- (7) Represents 313 RSUs which vest on January 1, 2023.
- (8) Represents 100 RSUs which vest on July 1, 2023.

# Pension Benefits

None of our employees participate in or have account balances in qualified or non-qualified defined benefit plans sponsored by us. Our Compensation Committee may elect to adopt qualified or non-qualified benefit plans in the future if it determines that doing so is in our company's best interest.

### Non-qualified Deferred Compensation

None of our employees participate in or have account balances in non-qualified defined contribution plans or other non-qualified deferred compensation plans maintained by us. Our Compensation Committee may elect to provide our officers and other employees with non-qualified defined contribution or other non-qualified compensation

#### **Director Compensation**

The following table sets forth the compensation granted to our directors who are not also executive officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. Compensation to directors that are also executive officers is detailed above and is not included on this table.

	Fees earned or paid	Stock	Option	Non-equity incentive plan	Nonqualified deferred compensation	All other	
Name	in cash (\$)	awards (\$)	award (\$)	compensation (\$)	earnings (\$)	compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Barry Fishman	49,379	21,750	_	-	-	-	71,129
Matthew Kane	49,467	21,750	-	-	-	-	71,217
Tahira Remhatullah	49,467	21,750	-	-	-	-	71,217
Scott Sozio <sup>(1)</sup>	161,458	136,937	-	-	-	-	161,458

(1) Mr. Sozio receives compensation pursuant to his role as Head of Corporate Development and is not compensated independently as a director.

#### Narrative Disclosure to Director Compensation Table

Compensation granted to our directors who are not also executive officers or employees during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 included \$48,500 paid \$26,750 in cash and \$21,750 in stock. Rach independent director receives \$5,000 per year per committee to be paid in cash for participation on each of the audit, compensation and corporate governance and nominating committees. Additionally, the Compensation Committee approved a one-time payment to the current independent directors of \$20,000 per director as compensation for service on the Board's special committees since the beginning of the fiscal year. Amounts earned in cash are paid quarterly. Stock awards vest quarterly over the fiscal year.

#### **Compensation Policies and Practices and Risk Management**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed the design and operation of Akerna's compensation policies and practices for all employees, including executives, as they relate to risk management practices and risk-taking incentives. The Compensation Committee believes that Akerna's compensation policies and practices do not encourage unnecessary or excessive risk taking and that any risks arising from Akerna's compensation policies and practices for its employees are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on Akerna.

### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

No member of the Compensation Committee has ever been an officer or employee of Akerna. None of Akerna's executive officers serve, or have served during the last fiscal year, as a member of the Board, compensation committee, or other board committee performing equivalent functions of any other entity that has one or more executive officers serving as one of Akerna's directors or on the Compensation Committee.

### Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management, and Related Stockholder Matters

The following table sets forth information concerning beneficial ownership of Akerna's capital stock outstanding as of the date of this prospectus, by: (1) each stockholder known to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of any class of Akerna's voting stock then outstanding; (2) each of Akerna's directors and nominees to serve as director; (3) each of Akerna's named executive officers; and (4) Akerna's current directors and executive officers as a group.

 $As of April \ 28, 2023, there \ were \ [5,767,499] \ shares \ of \ common \ stock \ is sued \ and \ outstanding. \ Each \ share \ entitles \ the \ holder \ thereof \ to \ one \ vote.$ 

13

The information regarding beneficial ownership of shares of common stock has been presented in accordance with the rules of the SEC. Under these rules, a person may be deemed to beneficially own any shares of capital stock as to which such person, directly or indirectly, has or shares voting power or investment power, and as to which such person has the right to acquire voting or investment power within 60 days through the exercise of any stock option or other right. The percentage of beneficial ownership as to any person as of a particular date is calculated by dividing (1) (i) the number of shares beneficially owned by such person plus (ii) the number of shares as to which such person has the right to acquire voting or investment power within 60 days by (2) the total number of shares outstanding as of such date, plus any shares that such person has the right to acquire from Akerna within 60 days. Including those shares in the tables does not, however, constitute an admission that the named stockholder is a direct or indirect beneficial owner of those shares. Unless otherwise indicated, each person or entity named in the table has sole voting power and investment power (or shares that power with that person's spouse) with respect to all shares of capital stock listed as owned by that person or entity.

Beneficial Ownership

	Denoticum:	Denement o micromp			
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Akerna Shares of Common Stock	Percentage <sup>(2)</sup>			
DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS					
Jessica Billingsley <sup>(3)</sup>	60,777	1.1%			
Matthew Kane <sup>(4)</sup>	31,014	*			
Scott Sozio <sup>(5)</sup>	15,935	*			
Tahira Rehmatullah <sup>(6)</sup>	3,194	*			
Larry Dean Ditto, Jr.	6,701	*			
David McCullough <sup>(7)</sup> Ray Thompson <sup>(8)</sup>	3,457	*			
Ray Thompson <sup>(8)</sup>	6,701	*			



#### 5% STOCKHOLDERS - None

- \* Less than one percent.
- (1) Unless otherwise noted, the address of each of the persons listed above is 1550 Larimer Street #246 Denver, Colorado 80202.
- (2) The percentage is based on 5,767,499 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2023.
- (3) Represents 53,915 shares held by Jessica Billingsley Living Trust and 6,872 shares held directly by Ms. Billingsley. Ms. Billingsley, the trustee of the Jessica Billingsley Living Trust, has sole and dispositive power over the shares held by the Jessica Billingsley Living Trust. Does not reflect 1,125 restricted stock units issued pursuant to Akerna's Incentive Plan, which vest as follows: 125 RSUs, which vest as follows: 125 units shall vest on July 1, 2023, 500 RSUs, which vest as follows: 250 units shall vest on July 1, 2023, and 250 units shall vest on December 1, 2023, and 250 units shall vest on December 1, 2024.
- (4) Includes 13,067 shares held by Seam Capital, LLC. Mr. Kane is a manager of Seam Capital, LLC, and as such, Mr. Kane has sole and dispositive power of the shares held by Seam Capital, LLC. Also, includes 17,947 shares of Common Stock held directly by Mr. Kane.
- (5) Represents 14,657 shares held by Mr. Sozio. Does not reflect 2,805 restricted stock units issued pursuant to Akerna's Incentive Plan, which vest as follows: 1,278 units shall vest on July 1, 2023 and 1,277 units shall vest on July 1, 2024, and 250 RSUs, which vest as follows 125 units shall vest on December 1, 2023, and 125 units shall vest on December 1, 2024.
- (6) Represents 3,194 shares of Common Stock.
- (7) Reflects 3,457 shares of Common Stock. Does not reflect 1,100 restricted stock units issued pursuant to Akerna's Incentive Plan, which vest as follows: 100 RSUs, which vest as follows: 100 units shall vest on July 1, 2023, 500 RSUs, which vest as follows: 250 units shall vest on July 1, 2023, and 250 units shall vest on July 1, 2024, and 500 RSUs, which vest as follows: 250 units shall vest on December 1, 2023, and 250 units shall vest on December 1, 2024.
- (8) Reflects 4,510 shares of Common Stock. Does not reflect 1,125 restricted stock units issued pursuant to Akerna's Incentive Plan, which vest as follows: 375 RSUs, which vest as follows: 375 units shall vest on July 1, 2023. 250 RSUs, which vest as follows: 125 units shall vest on July 1, 2023, and 125 units shall vest on July 1, 2024, and 500 RSUs, which vest as follows: 250 units shall vest on December 1, 2023, and 250 units shall vest on December 1, 2024.
- (9) Represents 481 shares of Common Stock.

14

# Change in Control

We are not aware of any arrangement that might result in a change in control in the future. We have no knowledge of any arrangements, including any pledge by any person of our securities, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in the Company's control.

#### **Equity Compensation Plans**

The following summary information is presented as of December 31, 2022:

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (a)	Weighted- average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (b)	securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders(1)	225,000(1)	\$ 89.66	172,021
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
OTAL	225,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 89.66	172,021

Number of

### 2019 Long Term Incentive Plan Summary

The purpose of the Incentive Plan is to enable Akerna to offer its employees, officers, directors and consultants whose past, present and/or potential future contributions to Akerna have been, are, or will be important to its success, an opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in Akerna. The various types of incentive awards that may be provided under the Incentive Plan are intended to enable Akerna to respond to changes in compensation practices, tax laws, accounting regulations and the size and diversity of its business.

# Plan Administration

The Incentive Plan is administered by the compensation committee of the Akerna Board (the "Compensation Committee") or by the full Akerna Board, which may determine, among other things, (1) the persons who are to receive awards, (2) the type or types of awards to be granted to such persons, (3) the number of shares of common stock to be covered by, or with respect to what payments, rights, or other matters are to be calculated in connection with the awards, (4) the terms and conditions of any awards, (5) whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances awards may be settled or exercised in cash, shares of common stock, other securities, other awards or

other property, or cancelled, forfeited, or suspended and the method or methods by which awards may be settled, exercised, cancelled, forfeited, or suspended, (6) whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances the delivery of cash, shares of common stock, other securities, other awards or other property and other amounts payable with respect to an award, and (7) make any other determination and take any other action that the Compensation Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Incentive Plan.

#### Stock Options

Stock options granted under the Incentive Plan may be of two types: (i) Incentive Stock Options (as defined in the Incentive Plan) and (ii) Non-qualified Stock Options (as defined in the Incentive Plan). Any stock option granted under the Incentive Plan shall contain such terms, as the Compensation Committee may from time to time approve.

The term of each stock option shall be fixed by the Compensation Committee; provided, however, that no stock option may be exercisable after the expiration of ten years from the date of grant; provided, further, that no Incentive Stock Option granted to a person who, at the time of grant, owns stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of voting stock of Akerna ("10% Shareholder") may be exercisable after the expiration of five years from the date of grant.

The exercise price per share purchasable under a stock option shall be determined by the Compensation Committee at the time of grant; provided, however, that the exercise price of a stock option may not be less than 100% of the fair market value on the date of grant; provided, further, that the exercise price of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a 10% Shareholder may not be less than 110% of the fair market value on the date of grant.

15

#### Stock Appreciation Rights

The Compensation Committee may grant Stock Appreciation Rights in tandem with a stock option or alone and unrelated to a stock option. The Compensation Committee may grant stock appreciation rights to participants who have been or are being granted stock options under the Incentive Plan as a means of allowing such participants to exercise their stock options without the need to pay the exercise price in cash. In the case of a Non-qualified Stock Option, a stock appreciation right may be granted either at or after the time of the grant of such Non-qualified Stock Option. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option, a stock appreciation right may be granted only at the time of the grant of such Incentive Stock Option. Stock appreciation rights shall be exercisable as shall be determined by the Compensation Committee. All or a portion of a stock appreciation right granted in tandem with a stock option shall terminate and shall no longer be exercisable upon the termination or after the exercise of the applicable portion of the related stock option.

#### Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

Shares of restricted stock may be awarded either alone or in addition to other awards granted under the Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee shall determine the eligible persons to whom, and the time or times at which, grants of restricted stock will be awarded, the number of shares to be awarded, the price (if any) to be paid by the holder, any restriction period, the vesting schedule and rights to acceleration thereof, and all other terms and conditions of the awards. In addition, the Compensation Committee may award restricted stock units, which may be subject to vesting and forfeiture conditions during the applicable restriction period, as set forth in an agreement.

Restricted stock constitutes issued and outstanding shares of common stock for all corporate purposes. The holder will have the right to vote such restricted stock and to exercise all other rights, powers and privileges of a holder of common stock with respect to such restricted stock, subject to certain limited exceptions. Upon the expiration of the restriction period with respect to each award of restricted stock and the satisfaction of any other applicable restrictions, terms and conditions, all or part of such restricted stock shall become vested in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Any restricted stock that do not vest shall be forfeited to Akerna and the holder shall not thereafter have any rights with respect to such restricted stock.

The Compensation Committee may provide that settlement of restricted stock units will occur upon or as soon as reasonably practicable after the restricted stock units vest or will instead be deferred, on a mandatory basis or at the holder's election, in a manner intended to comply with tax laws. A Holder will have no rights of a holder of common stock with respect to shares subject to any restricted stock unit unless and until the shares are delivered in settlement of the restricted stock unit. If the Committee provides, a grant of restricted stock units may provide a holder with the right to receive dividend equivalents.

# Other Stock-Based Awards

Other Stock-Based Awards may be awarded, subject to limitations under applicable law, that are denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to, shares of common stock, as deemed by the Compensation Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Incentive Plan, including, without limitation, purchase rights, shares of common stock awarded that are not subject to any restrictions or conditions, convertible or exchangeable debentures, or other rights convertible into shares of common stock and awards valued by reference to the value of securities of or the performance of specified subsidiaries.

# Change of Control Provisions

The Incentive Plan provides that in the event of a change of control event, (1) all of the then outstanding options and stock appreciation rights granted pursuant to the Incentive Plan will immediately vest and become immediately exercisable as of a time prior to the change in control and (2) any performance goal restrictions related to an award will be deemed achieved at 100% of target levels and all other conditions met as of a time prior to the change in control. In the event of the sale of all of Akerna's assets or a change of control event, then the Compensation Committee may (1) accelerate the vesting of any and all Stock Options and other awards granted and outstanding under the Incentive Plan; (2) require a holder of outstanding options to relinquish such award to Akerna upon the tender by Akerna to holder of cash, stock or other property, or any combination thereof pursuant to the terms of the Incentive Plan and (3) terminate all incomplete performance periods in respect of awards in effect on the date the acquisition occurs, determine the extent to which performance goals have been met based upon such information then available as it deems relevant and cause to be paid to the holder all or the applicable portion of the award based upon the Compensation Committee's determination of the degree of attainment of performance goals, or on such other basis determined by the Compensation Committee.

16

The Akerna Board may at any time, and from time to time, amend alter, suspend or discontinue any of the provisions of the Incentive Plan, but no amendment, alteration, suspension or discontinuance shall be made that would impair the rights of a holder under any agreement theretofore entered into hereunder, without the holder's consent, except as set forth in this Incentive Plan or the agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no amendment to the provisions of the Incentive Plan shall be effective unless approved by the stockholders of Akerna to the extent stockholder approval is necessary to satisfy any provision of the Ethics Code or other applicable law or the listing requirements of any national securities exchange on which Akerna's securities are listed.

In July 2019, we hired Mr. Scott Sozio, at will, to serve as our Head of Corporate Development. As restructured in August 2020, Mr. Sozio receives an annual base salary of \$150,000, a one-time grant of \$600,000 in restricted stock units (92,166 restricted stock units) issued in August 2020 vesting over 4 years, as discussed below, and deal related compensation of 0.5% of the transaction value of acquisition completed by Akerna, payable one-half in restricted stock units of Akerna at the option of the Board.

In April 2020, Mr. Sozio was granted 1,230 restricted stock units of the Akerna under our 2019 Equity Incentive Plan in relation to the closing of our acquisition of Trellis, which vested immediately. In August of 2020, Mr. Sozio's compensation was restructured and he was granted 92,166 restricted stock units, which vest one quarter each year beginning on July 1, 2021. In September 2020, Mr. Sozio was granted 10,000 restricted stock units as part of our annual employee grants, which vest one quarter each year beginning on July 1, 2021 and 38,527 restricted stock units in connection with the closing of our acquisition of Ample, which vested immediately.

In April 2021, Mr. Sozio was granted 2,976 restricted stock units of the Akerna under our 2019 Equity Incentive Plan in relation to the closing of our acquisition of Viridian, which vested immediately. In October 2021, Mr. Sozio was granted 29,210 restricted stock units of the Akerna under our 2019 Equity Incentive Plan in relation to the closing of our acquisition of 365 Cannabis, which vested immediately. In April 2021, Mr. Sozio was granted 10,000 restricted stock units as part of our annual employee grants, which vest one quarter each year beginning on December 1, 2021.

#### **TechMagic**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, we have been invoiced through our wholly-owned subsidiary Solo by TechMagic USA LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability, in an amount of approximately \$657,000. When we acquired Solo in January 2020, there was an open balance payable to TechMagic of approximately \$265,000. Subsequently, during the remainder of our fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, we received invoices totaling an aggregate additional amount of approximately \$392,000. After our year ended June 30, 2020, through to the date hereof, we have received invoices totaling an aggregate amount of approximately \$375,000. Currently, there are outstanding invoices totaling approximately \$767,000. The invoices set forth services that TechMagic USA LLC purports to have provided to Solo regarding development of mobile software applications for MJF and Solo between March and November 2020. Mr. Ashesh Shah, formerly the president of Solo and currently the beneficial holder of 6.2% of our issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock is, to our knowledge, the founder and one of the principal managers of TechMagic USA LLC. The invoices state that the services were rendered pursuant to the terms of an agreement regarding the development of mobile software products for Solo, entered into between Solo and TechMagic at a time when Mr. Shah was a principal at both entities. On December 4, 2020, TechMagic filed suit against Solo in Massachusetts Superior Court seeking recovery of up to approximately \$1.07 million. Akerna provided a notice of termination of the Master Services Agreement on November 23, 2020 and the parties dispute the effective date of the termination. Solo disputes the validity of the invoices, in whole or in part, and intends to defend the suit vigorously. Mr. Ashesh Shah, formerly the president of Solo and currently the holder of less than 5% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock is, to our knowledge, the founder and one of the principal managers of TechMagic USA LLC.

In July 2022, we entered into an agreement with TechMagic and the defendants to dismiss all litigation and claims described above. In connection with the settlement agreement, we reversed our previously accrued loss contingency of \$0.5 million during the second quarter of 2022 and no amounts were paid in cash.

17

#### Indemnification

Akerna's amended and restated certificate of incorporation contains provisions limiting the liability of directors, and its amended and restated bylaws provides that it will indemnify the directors and executive officers to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law. Akerna's amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws also provides the board of directors with discretion to indemnify the other officers, employees, and agents when determined appropriate by the board of directors. In addition, Akerna entered into an indemnification agreement with each of its directors and executive officers, which requires it to indemnify them.

### **Related Person Transactions Policy and Procedure**

Akerna's Code of Ethics requires it to avoid, wherever possible, all related party transactions that could result in actual or potential conflicts of interests, except under guidelines approved by the Board (or the audit committee). Related-party transactions are defined as transactions in which (1) the aggregate amount involved will or may be expected to exceed \$120,000 in any calendar year, (2) Akerna or any of its subsidiaries is a participant, and (3) any (a) executive officer, director or nominee for election as a director, (b) greater than 5% beneficial owner of Akerna's shares of common stock, or (c) immediate family member, of the persons referred to in clauses (a) and (b), has or will have a direct or indirect material interest (other than solely as a result of being a director or a less than 10% beneficial owner of another entity). A conflict of interest situation can arise when a person takes actions or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his or her work objectively and effectively. Conflicts of interest may also arise if a person, or a member of his or her family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position.

Ours audit committee, pursuant to its written charter, is responsible for reviewing and approving related-party transactions to the extent we enter into such transactions. The audit committee will consider all relevant factors when determining whether to approve a related party transaction, including whether the related party transaction is on terms no less favorable to us than terms generally available from an unaffiliated third-party under the same or similar circumstances and the extent of the related party's interest in the transaction.

## **Director Independence**

The Board evaluates the independence of each nominee for election as a director of our Company in accordance with the Listing Rules (the "Nasdaq Listing Rules") of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"). Pursuant to these rules, a majority of our Board must be "independent directors" within the meaning of the Nasdaq Listing Rules, and all directors who sit on our Audit Committee, Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee must also be independent directors.

The Nasdaq definition of "independence" includes a series of objective tests, such as the director or director nominee is not, and was not during the last three years, an employee of Akerna or our subsidiaries and has not received certain payments from, or engaged in various types of business dealings with us. In addition, as further required by the Nasdaq Listing Rules, the Board has made a subjective determination as to each independent director that no relationships exist, which, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with such individual's exercise of independent judgment in carrying out his or her responsibilities as a director. In making these determinations, the Board reviewed and discussed information provided by the directors with regard to each director's business and personal activities as they may relate to Company and its management.

As a result, the Board has affirmatively determined that each of Matthew R. Kane, Tahira Rehmatullah, and Barry Fishman are independent in accordance with the Nasdaq listing rules. The Board has also affirmatively determined that all members of our Audit Committee, Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee are independent directors.

Marcum LLP was the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Marcum LLP was initially appointed by the Audit Committee as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm on September 26, 2019.

As discussed in greater detail below, the following table shows the fees paid or accrued by us to Marcum and during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

Type of Service	 2022	2021
Audit Fees	\$ 325,480	380,893
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	118,965	_
Tax Fees	_	_
Other Fees	_	_
Total	\$ 444,445	380,893

(1) For the year ended December 31, 2022 audit-related fees related to comfort letters and registration statements.

"Audit Fees" relate to fees and expenses billed by Marcum for the annual audits, including the audit of our financial statements, review of our quarterly financial statements and for comfort letters and consents related to stock issuances.

"Audit-Related Fees" relate to fees for assurance and related services that traditionally are performed by independent auditors that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the financial statements, such as due diligence related to acquisitions and dispositions, attestation services that are not required by statute or regulation, internal control reviews and consultation concerning financial accounting and reporting standards.

"Tax Fees" relate to fees for all professional services performed by professional staff in our independent auditor's tax division, except those services related to the audit of our financial statements. These include fees for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice, including federal, state and local issues. Services may also include assistance with tax audits and appeals before the Internal Revenue Service and similar state and local agencies, as well as federal, state and local tax issues related to due diligence.

"All Other Fees" relate to fees for any services not included in the above-described categories.

#### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee charter provides that the Audit Committee will pre-approve all audit services and non-audit services to be provided by our independent auditors before the accountant is engaged to render these services. The Audit Committee may delegate its authority to pre-approve services to one or more committee members, provided that the designees present the pre-approvals to the full committee at the next committee meeting. Akerna's Audit Committee was formed upon consummation of the Business Combination. As a result, the Audit Committee did not pre-approve any of the foregoing services performed by Marcum. Since the formation of our Audit Committee, and on a going-forward basis, the Audit Committee has and will pre-approve all auditing services and permitted non-audit services to be performed for us by our auditors, including the fees and terms thereof (subject to the de minimis exceptions for non-audit services described in the Exchange Act which are approved by the audit committee prior to the completion of the audit).

19

### PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.

The following documents are filed as part of this Report:

(1) Financial Statements

Our audited consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2022, and 2021, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, changes in stockholders' equity (deficit) and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the notes thereto, and the report of Marcum LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, are included in Part II, Item 8 of the Original 10-K.

(2) Financial Schedules:

None.

### **Exhibits**

The exhibits required to be filed by Item 15 are set forth in, and filed with or incorporated by reference in, the "Exhibit Index" of the Original 10-K. The attached list of exhibits in the "Exhibit Index" sets forth the additional exhibits required to be filed with this amendment and is incorporated herein by reference in response to this item.

### Exhibit

Number	Description
31.1*	Chief Executive Officer certification under Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2*	Chief Financial Officer certification under Section 302 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).

\* Filed herewith

### Item 16. Form 10-K Summary

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 10-K/A to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

# AKERNA CORP.

By: /s/ Jessica Billingsley

Name: Jessica Billingsley Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 1, 2023

By: /s/ L. Dean Ditto

Name: L. Dean Ditto Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 1, 2023

- I, Jessica Billingsley, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the annual period ended December 31, 2022 of Akerna Corp.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.

Date: May 1, 2023

/s/ Jessica Billingsley

Jessica Billingsley Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

- I, L. Dean Ditto, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the annual period ended December 31, 2022 of Akerna Corp.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.

Date: May 1, 2023

/s/ L. Dean Ditto

L. Dean Ditto Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)