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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LAVIOLETTE PAUL A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE BOSTON PLACE</u> <u>201 WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 3900</u>  (Street) <u>BOSTON MA 02108</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASENSUS SURGICAL, INC. [ ASXC ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/30/2021</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	07/01/2021		A		13,846 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	A	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	13,846 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option <sup>(4)</sup>	\$3.17	06/30/2021		A		10,025		12/31/2021 <sup>(5)</sup>	06/30/2028	Common Stock	10,025	\$0.00	10,025	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of the Registrant's common stock.
- Forfeiture restrictions will lapse on the RSUs on the first anniversary of the date of grant, provided that if the date of the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders is earlier, the restrictions will lapse on the date of the annual meeting.
- The Reporting Person has assigned shares issued from prior grants of restricted stock units to SV Health Investors in accordance with its operating agreement and is expected to transfer the shares underlying this reported award upon vesting.
- Represents an equity award issued under the Registrant's Amended and Restated Incentive Compensation Plan in lieu of an annual cash retainer, paid quarterly in arrears for the quarter ended June 30, 2021.
- The award is fully exercisable six months after the grant date, subject to earlier acceleration as approved by the Board of Directors.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Joshua Weingard, as attorney-in-fact for Paul A. LaViolette 07/02/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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