UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 11, 2024

Vaccinex, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-38624 16-1603202 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1895 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620

(Address of principal executive offices)

14620 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (585) 271-2700

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) П Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) П Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Trading Name of each exchange Title of each class on which registered Symbol(s) Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share VCNX Nasdaq Capital Market Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company \square If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On April 11, 2024, Vaccinex, Inc. (the "Company") received a letter (the "Notice") from the Listing Qualifications staff of The Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq") notifying the Company that based on the financial statements contained in its Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2023, the Company no longer complies with the requirement under Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(b)(1) to maintain a minimum of \$2.5 million in stockholders' equity for continued listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market (the "Equity Standard") or the alternative requirements of having a market value of listed securities of \$35 million or net income from continuing operations of \$500,000 in the most recently completed fiscal year or two of the last three most recently completed fiscal years (the "Alternative Standards").

The Notice is not a notice of delisting and has no immediate effect on the Company's listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market. The Company has until May 13, 2024, to submit a plan to Nasdaq to regain compliance with the Equity Standard (the "Compliance Plan"). If the Compliance Plan is accepted, Nasdaq may grant the Company an extension to regain compliance with the Equity Standard. If the Company does not timely submit a Compliance Plan or if such plan is not accepted, or if it is accepted and the Company does not regain compliance in the required timeframe, Nasdaq could provide notice that the Company's common stock is subject to delisting.

The Company is evaluating its options for complying with the Equity Standard, but there is no assurance that the Company will be able to regain or maintain compliance with the Equity Standard.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Vaccinex, Inc.

Date: April 12, 2024 By: /s/ Jill Sanchez

Jill Sanchez

Chief Financial Officer