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October 25, 2016
Dear Stockholder:
You are cordially invited to attend this year s annual meeting of stockholders of Paylocity Holding Corporation on December 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time. The meeting will be held at the Company s headquarters located at 3850 N. Wilke Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004.
We are pleased to take advantage of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission rule that allows companies to furnish proxy materials primarily over the Internet. On or about October 25, 2016, we mailed to our stockholders a Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice) containing instructions on how to access our proxy materials, including our Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, over the Internet. The Notice also provides instructions on how to vote online or by telephone and includes instructions on how you can receive a paper copy of the proxy materials by mail. If you receive your annual meeting materials by mail, the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, Proxy Statement, 2016 Annual Report and proxy card will be enclosed. If you receive your proxy materials via e-mail, the e-mail will contain voting instructions and links to the Annual Report and Proxy Statement on the Internet, both of which are available at www.proxyvote.com.
Details regarding admission to the Annual Meeting and the business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting are described in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement.
Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, your vote is very important, and we encourage you to vote promptly. You may vote by either marking, signing and returning the enclosed proxy card or using telephone or internet voting. For specific instructions on voting, please refer to the instructions on your enclosed proxy card. If you attend the meeting you will have the right to revoke the proxy and vote your shares in person. If you hold your shares through an account with a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee, please follow the instructions you receive from your brokerage firm, bank or other nominee to vote your shares.
We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.
Sincerely yours,

Steven R. Beauchamp

President and Chief Executive Officer

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NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

DATE Friday, December 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time

PLACE Paylocity Headquarters, 3850 N. Wilke Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

PURPOSES 1. To elect two Class III directors to hold office for three-year terms or until their respective successors are elected and

qualified, or their earlier death, resignation or removal;

2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending

June 30, 2017;

3. To vote on a non-binding basis to approve the compensation of our named executive officers;

4. To vote on a non-binding basis to approve the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of our named

executive officers; and

5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the

meeting.

RECORD DATE You can vote if you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on October 11, 2016. Attendance at the meeting

is limited to stockholders or their proxy holders and Company guests. Only stockholders or their valid proxy holders may

address the meeting.

VOTING You may vote your shares by submitting a proxy by Internet, by telephone, or by completing, signing, dating and returning

the enclosed proxy card or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. The proxy card describes your voting options in

more detail. If for any reason you desire to revoke your proxy, you can do so at any time before it is voted.

MAILING On or about October 25, 2016, we mailed to our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials

containing instructions on how to access our Proxy Statement and 2016 Annual Report to Stockholders and how to vote.

For ten days prior to the meeting, a complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting will be available for examination by any stockholder, for any purpose relating to the meeting, during ordinary business hours at our principal offices.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Peter J. McGrail Chief Financial Officer

October 25, 2016 Arlington Heights, Illinois

IMPORTANT: Please vote your shares by submitting a proxy by Internet, by telephone, or by completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card. The proxy card describes your voting options in more detail. If you attend the meeting, you may choose to vote in person even if you have previously voted your shares.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2016. A complete set of proxy materials relating to our annual meeting, consisting of the Notice of Annual Meeting, Proxy Statement, Proxy Card and Annual Report, is available on the Internet and may be viewed at www.proxyvote.com.

Attending the Meeting

The meeting will be held at the Company s headquarters located at 3850 N. Wilke Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004.

- Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Central Time.
- Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. Central Time.
- Proof of Paylocity Holding Corporation stock ownership and photo identification is required to attend the annual meeting.
- The use of cameras and other recording devices is not allowed.

Questions

For Questions Regarding:	Contact:
Annual meeting	Paylocity Investor Relations
	Investors@paylocity.com
Stock ownership for registered holders	Wells Fargo Shareowner Services
	(800) 468-9716 (within the U.S. and Canada)
	or
	651-450-4064 (worldwide)
	or
	stocktransfer@wellsfargo.com
Stock ownership for beneficial holders	Please contact your broker, bank or other nominee
Voting for registered holders	Paylocity Investor Relations
	Investors@paylocity.com
Voting for beneficial holders	Please contact your broker, bank or other nominee

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PAYLOCITY HOLDING CORPORATION

3850 N. WILKE ROAD ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60004

PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

TO BE HELD DECEMBER 9, 2016

The board of directors of Paylocity Holding Corporation is soliciting your proxy for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on December 9, 2016, or any adjournment or postponement thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. This Proxy Statement and related materials are first being made available to stockholders on or about October 25, 2016. References in this Proxy Statement to the Company, we, our, us and Paylocity are to Paylocity Holding Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries, and references to the annual meeting are to the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. When we refer to the Company s fiscal year, we mean the annual period ended on June 30, 2016. This proxy statement covers our 2016 fiscal year, which was from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 (fiscal 2016).

SOLICITATION AND VOTING

Record Date

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on October 11, 2016 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment thereof. At the close of business on this record date, a total of 51,336,088 shares of our common stock were outstanding and entitled to vote. Each share of common stock has one vote.

Quorum

A majority of the shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of the record date must be represented at the meeting, either in person or by proxy, to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting. Your shares will be counted towards the quorum if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker or bank) or if you vote in person at the meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes (shares held by a broker or nominee that does not have the authority, either express or discretionary, to vote on a particular matter) will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

Vote Required to Adopt Proposals

Each share of our common stock outstanding on the record date is entitled to one vote on each of the two director nominees. Each share of our common stock outstanding on the record date is entitled to one vote on each other matter. For the election of directors, the nominees to serve as Class III directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote at the election. You may vote For or Withhold with respect to each director nominee. Votes that are withheld will be excluded entirely from the vote with respect to the nominee from which they are withheld and will have no effect on the election of directors. With respect to the other proposals, approval of the proposal requires the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter. For the advisory vote regarding the frequency of future stockholder advisory votes on the compensation of our named executive officers, the frequency receiving the highest number of votes from the holders of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote thereon will be considered the frequency preferred by the stockholders. Because the votes on compensation of named executive officers and the frequency of future votes on executive compensation are advisory, they will not be binding upon our board of directors.

Effect of Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

Broker non-votes, if any, and shares voted Withhold will have no effect on the election of directors. For each of the other proposals, broker non-votes, if any, will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast and will have no effect on the approval of these proposals, but abstentions will have the same effect as negative votes. Proposal No. 2 is a routine matter and no broker non-votes are expected to exist in connection with Proposal No. 2. If your shares are held in an account at a bank or brokerage firm, that bank or brokerage firm may vote your shares of common stock on Proposal No. 2 regarding ratification of our independent auditors, but will not be permitted to vote your shares of common stock with respect to Proposal Nos. 1, 3 and 4, unless you provide instructions as to how your shares should be voted. If an executed proxy card is returned by a bank or broker holding shares which indicates that the bank or broker has not received voting instructions and does not have discretionary authority to vote on the proposals, the shares will not be considered to have been voted in favor of the proposals. Your bank or broker will vote your shares on Proposal Nos. 1, 3 and 4 only if you provide instructions on how to vote by following the instructions they provide to you. Accordingly, we encourage you to vote promptly, even if you plan to attend the annual meeting. In tabulating the voting results for any particular proposal, shares that constitute broker non-votes are not considered entitled to vote on that proposal.

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Voting Instructions

If you complete and submit your proxy card or voting instructions, the persons named as proxies will follow your voting instructions. If no choice is indicated on a signed and dated proxy card, the shares will be voted as the board recommends on each proposal as follows: FOR the election of each of the nominees named herein and FOR the ratification of the appointment of our independent auditors. Many banks and brokerage firms have a process for their beneficial owners to provide instructions via telephone or the Internet. The voting instruction form that you receive from your bank or broker will contain instructions for voting.

Depending on how you hold your shares, you may vote in one of the following ways:

Stockholders of Record: You may vote by either marking, signing and returning the enclosed proxy card or via the instructions included in your Notice or using telephone or Internet voting. You may also vote in person at the annual meeting.

Beneficial Stockholders: Your bank, broker or other holder of record will provide you with a voting instruction form for you to use to instruct them on how to vote your shares. Check the instructions provided by your bank, broker or other holder of record to see which voting options are available to you. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the annual meeting unless you request and obtain a valid, legal proxy from your bank, broker or other agent.

Votes submitted by telephone or via the Internet must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on December 8, 2016. Submitting your proxy by mail or telephone or via the Internet will not affect your right to vote in person should you decide to attend the annual meeting in person.

If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before the polls close by returning a later-dated proxy card, by voting again by Internet or telephone as more fully detailed in your Notice or proxy card or by delivering written instructions to the Corporate Secretary before the annual meeting. Attendance at the annual meeting will not in and of itself cause your previously voted proxy to be revoked unless you specifically so request or vote again at the annual meeting. If your shares are held in an account at a bank, brokerage firm or other agent, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your bank, brokerage firm or other agent, or, if you have obtained a legal proxy from your bank, brokerage firm or other agent giving you the right to vote your shares, by attending the annual meeting and voting in person.

Solicitation of Proxies

We will bear the cost of soliciting proxies. In addition to soliciting stockholders by mail, we will request banks, brokers and other intermediaries holding shares of our common stock beneficially owned by others to obtain proxies from the

beneficial owners and will reimburse them for their reasonable, out-of-pocket costs for forwarding proxy and solicitation material to the beneficial owners of common stock. We may use the services of our officers, directors and employees to solicit proxies, personally or by telephone, without additional compensation.

Voting Results

We will announce preliminary voting results at the annual meeting. We will report final results in a Form 8-K report filed with the SEC.

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PROPOSAL NO. 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

We have a classified board of directors consisting of two Class I directors, two Class II directors and two Class III directors. At each annual meeting of stockholders, directors are elected for a term of three years to succeed those directors whose terms expire at the annual meeting date.

The term of the Class III directors, Steven R. Beauchamp and Andres D. Reiner, will expire on the date of the 2017 annual meeting. Accordingly, two persons are to be elected to serve as Class III directors of the board of directors at the meeting. The board s nominees for election by the stockholders to those two positions are the two current Class III members of the board of directors, Steven R. Beauchamp and Andres D. Reiner. If elected, each nominee will serve as a director until our 2020 annual meeting of stockholders and until their respective successors are elected and qualified, or their earlier death, resignation or removal. If any of the nominees declines to serve or becomes unavailable for any reason, or if a vacancy occurs before the election (although we know of no reason to anticipate that this will occur), the proxies may be voted for such substitute nominees as we may designate. The proxies cannot vote for more than two persons.

The two nominees for Class III director receiving the highest number of votes of shares of common stock will be elected as Class III directors. A Withhold vote will have no effect on the vote.

We believe that each of our directors has demonstrated business acumen, ethical integrity and an ability to exercise sound judgment as well as a commitment of service to us and our board of directors.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF STEVEN R. BEAUCHAMP AND ANDRES D. REINER AS CLASS III DIRECTORS. PROXIES WILL BE SO VOTED UNLESS STOCKHOLDERS SPECIFY OTHERWISE IN THEIR PROXIES.

The names of our directors who will continue in office until the 2018 and 2019 annual meetings of stockholders, as well as the nominees for Class III directors to be elected at this meeting, and certain information about them as of October 25, 2016 is set forth below. Also set forth below are the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led our nominating and corporate governance committee to conclude that each person should serve as a director.

			Director
Name	Position	Age	Since
	Class I Directors Whose Terms Expire at the 2018	Annual Meeting of Stockholders:	
Steven I. Sarowitz	Chairman	50	1997
Jeffrey T. Diehl	Director	46	2008

Class II Directors Whose Terms Expire at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders:

Mark H. Mishler	Director	58	2013
Ronald V. Waters, III	Director	64	2013
	Class III Directors Nominated for Election at the 2017 Annu	ual Meeting of Stockholders:	
Steven R. Beauchamp	President, Chief Executive Officer and	44	2007
	Director		
Andres D. Reiner	Director	45	2014

Directors Continuing in Office until the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Steven I. Sarowitz founded Paylocity in 1997 and is our Chairman. Mr. Sarowitz is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Blue Marble Payroll, an international payroll aggregator. Prior to founding Paylocity, Mr. Sarowitz worked at Robert F. White, a Chicago-based independent payroll service firm. He later was an executive at three privately-held payroll companies. Mr. Sarowitz formerly served as President of the Independent Payroll Providers Association. Mr. Sarowitz holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana. Mr. Sarowitz brings to our board of directors extensive executive leadership and operational experience in payroll services companies, and his experience and familiarity with our business as the founder and Chairman.

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Jeffrey T. Diehl has served as a director since May 2008. Mr. Diehl is currently the Managing Partner of Adams Street Partners, LLC, a global private equity investment management firm. Prior to joining Adams Street Partners in 2000, Mr. Diehl worked at Brinson Partners/UBS Global Asset Management and The Parthenon Group. Mr. Diehl serves as a director of various private companies and a public company, Q2 Holdings, Inc., a virtual banking solutions company. Mr. Diehl holds a B.S. from Cornell University and an M.B.A. from Harvard University. Mr. Diehl brings to our board of directors years of experience as an advisor to a wide range of technology companies, including companies in the software, IT-enabled business services and consumer Internet/media sectors. Mr. Diehl s experience with the growth and development of technology companies provides our board of directors with a unique perspective on our long-term strategy.

Directors Continuing in Office until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Mark H. Mishler has served as a director since November 2013. Since 2011, Mr. Mishler has served on the board of directors of Interstate National Corporation (INC), a service contract and extended warranty program provider, and in April 2014 Mr. Mishler was elected Chairman of INC. From 2011 through August 2016, Mr. Mishler also was the Chief Executive Officer of INC. From 2002 to 2010, Mr. Mishler served as President, Chief Operating Officer and as a Director of The Warranty Group, a warranty service contract provider. Mr. Mishler holds a B.S. in Accounting from Robert Morris University and is also a retired engineer officer of the United States Army. Mr. Mishler brings to our board of directors over 30 years of business experience in positions such as controller, chief financial officer, chief operating officer and chief executive officer. In addition, Mr. Mishler has served as a director on numerous boards and brings to our board of directors significant finance experience derived primarily from his previous service as a controller and chief financial officer.

Ronald V. Waters, III has served as a director since November 2013 and also serves as the Lead Independent Director. Mr. Waters has been an independent business consultant since May 2010. From 2009 to May 2010, he was a Director and the President and Chief Executive Officer of LoJack Corporation, or LoJack, a worldwide marketer of wireless tracking and recovery systems for valuable mobile assets, and, from 2007 to 2008, he was a Director and the President and Chief Operating Officer of LoJack. He is a director of Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc., a home and security products company and HNI Corp., a manufacturer of office furniture and a manufacturer and marketer of gas- and wood-burning fireplaces. From 2012 to 2015, Mr. Waters served as a director of Chiquita Brands International, Inc., an international marketer and distributor of food products. From 2006 to 2007, Mr. Waters served as a director of Sabre Holdings Corporation. Mr. Waters brings to our board of directors leadership experience through his former role as Chief Executive Officer of LoJack and significant finance expertise derived primarily from his current service on the audit committee of another public company and previous roles as a director and Chief Operating Officer at a public company, Chief Financial Officer at Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, Controller at The Gillette Company and partner of a large public accounting firm. Mr. Waters also brings to our board of directors international, legal and information technology expertise derived primarily from his service in various roles at several large public companies.

Steven R. Beauchamp is our President and Chief Executive Officer and a director. Prior to joining Paylocity in 2007, Mr. Beauchamp was employed by Paychex, Inc., from September 2002 to August 2007 and served as VP of Product Management and as a Corporate Officer. Mr. Beauchamp also served as Vice President of Payroll Operations for Advantage Payroll Services, Inc. from August 2001 to September 2002 after Advantage Payroll acquired Payroll Central where he served as President from May 1999 to August 2001. Mr. Beauchamp also spent three years in operations management with ADP Canada from May 1995 to April 1998. Mr. Beauchamp holds a B.B.A. from Wilfrid Laurier University and an M.B.A. from Queen s University. Mr. Beauchamp brings to our board of directors over 15 years of experience in management positions in payroll services companies, and his experience and familiarity with our business as our President and Chief Executive Officer.

Andres D. Reiner has served as a director since September 2014. Since 2010, Mr. Reiner has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of PROS Holdings, Inc., or PROS, an enterprise software company. Since 1999, and prior to his appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Reiner held a series of positions with PROS, including Senior Vice President of Product Development and Executive Vice President of Product and Marketing. Prior to joining PROS, Mr. Reiner held various technical and management positions in technology companies including Platinum Technology, ADAC Healthcare Information Systems, and Kinesix. Mr. Reiner holds a B.S. in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics from the University of Houston. Mr. Reiner brings to our board of directors leadership experience through his role as President and Chief Executive Officer of PROS, as well as knowledge and experience with product development and innovation at technology companies.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Director Independence

Our board of directors has determined that each of Messrs. Diehl, Mishler, Reiner and Waters is an independent director for purposes of the Nasdaq Listing Rules and Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Exchange Act as the term relates to membership on the board of directors.

The definition of independence under the rules of the Nasdaq Global Select Market (the Nasdaq Listing Rules) includes a series of objective tests, such as that the director is not, and has not been for at least three years, one of our employees and that neither the director, nor any of his or her family members, has engaged in various types of business dealings with us. In addition, as further required by the Nasdaq Listing Rules, our board has made a subjective determination as to each independent director that no material relationships exist that, in the opinion of our board, would interfere with his exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In making these determinations, our board reviewed and discussed information provided by the directors in questionnaires with questions tailored to the Nasdaq Listing Rules with regard to each director s business and personal activities as they may relate to us and our management.

Board of Directors Leadership Structure

The board of directors has adopted corporate governance guidelines to promote the functioning of the board and its committees. These guidelines address board composition, board functions and responsibilities, qualifications, leadership structure, committees and meetings.

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines do not contain a policy mandating the separation of the offices of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer, and the board is given the flexibility to select its Chairman and our Chief Executive Officer in the manner that it believes is in the best interests of our stockholders. Accordingly, the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer may be filled by one individual or two. The board has chosen to separate the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. We believe this structure is optimal for us because it avoids any duplication of effort between the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer and permits our Chief Executive Officer to focus his efforts on the day-to-day management of the Company. This separation provides strong leadership for the board and the Company through the Chairman, while also positioning our Chief Executive Officer as our leader in the eyes of our employees and other stakeholders. The board may reconsider the best board leadership structure for us from time to time.

Risk Management

Our risk management function is overseen by our board of directors. Through our management reports and company policies, such as our Corporate Governance Guidelines, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and our audit committee s and compensation committee s review of financial and other risks, we keep our board of directors apprised of material risks and provide our directors access to all information necessary for them to understand and evaluate how these risks interrelate, how they affect us and how our management addresses those risks.

Mr. Beauchamp, as our Chief Executive Officer, works with our independent directors and with management when material risks are identified by the board of directors or management to address such risk. If the identified risk poses an actual or potential conflict with management, our

independent directors would conduct an	accecement by themselves	
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Executive Session	ns and Lea	d Independent	Director
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Non-management directors generally meet in executive session each time the board of directors holds a regularly scheduled meeting. The board s policy is to hold executive sessions without the presence of management as a part of all regular board meetings, and, in any event, at least twice during each calendar year. The Company s Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that a non-management independent director shall be chosen to preside at each executive session.

The board of directors has elected a non-management director to serve in a lead capacity (Lead Independent Director) to coordinate the activities of the other non-management directors, and to perform any other duties and responsibilities that the board of directors may determine. While the board annually elects a Lead Independent Director, it is generally expected that he or she will serve for more than one year. Mr. Waters was elected to serve as Lead Independent Director effective July 26, 2016.

The role of the Lead Independent Director includes:

• presiding at non-management executive sessions, with the authority to call meetings of the independent directors;

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- presiding at executive sessions;
- functioning as principal liaison on Board-wide issues between the independent directors and the Chairman;
- if requested by shareholders, ensuring that he/she is available, when appropriate, for consultation and direct communication.

Meetings of the Board of Directors and Committees

The board of directors held four meetings during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The board of directors has three standing committees: an audit committee, a compensation committee and a nominating and corporate governance committee. During the last fiscal year, each of our directors attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the board and all of the committees of the board on which such director served during that period.

The following table sets forth the standing committees of the board of directors, the members of each committee and the Lead Independent Director as of the date that this Proxy Statement was first made available to our stockholders:

			Nominating and Corporate	Lead Independent
Name of Director	Audit	Compensation	Governance	Director
Steven R. Beauchamp				
Jeffrey T. Diehl	X		Chair	
Mark H. Mishler	X	Chair	X	
Andres D. Reiner		X	X	
Steven I. Sarowitz				
Ronald V. Waters, III	Chair	X		X

Audit Committee

The members of the audit committee are Messrs. Diehl, Mishler and Waters, each of whom is a non-employee member of our board of directors. Mr. Waters serves as the chair of the audit committee. Our board of directors determined that each of Messrs. Diehl, Mishler and Waters is independent for purposes of the Nasdaq Listing Rules and SEC rules and regulations as they apply to audit committee members. Our board of directors has determined that each of Messrs. Diehl, Mishler and Waters meet the requirements for financial literacy and sophistication, and that Mr. Waters qualifies as an audit committee financial expert, under the applicable requirements of the Nasdaq Listing Rules and SEC rules and regulations. The composition of our audit committee complies with all applicable requirements in the Nasdaq Listing Rules and SEC rules and regulations.

The function	ons of the audit committee include:
• statemen	selecting a firm to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit our financial ats;
•	ensuring the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm;
• reviewin	discussing the scope and results of the audit with the independent registered public accounting firm, and g, with management and that firm, our interim and year-end operating results;
• audit ma	establishing procedures for employees to submit anonymously concerns about questionable accounting or tters;
•	considering the adequacy of our internal controls;
•	reviewing material related party transactions or those that require disclosure; and
• independ	approving or, as permitted, pre-approving all audit and non-audit services to be performed by the lent registered public accounting firm.
	committee held four meetings during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Additional information regarding the audit committee is set e Report of the Audit Committee immediately following Proposal No. 2.
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Compensation Committee

The members of the compensation committee are Messrs. Mishler, Reiner and Waters, each of whom is a non-employee member of our board of directors. Mr. Mishler serves as the chairperson of the compensation committee. Our board of directors has determined that each member of the compensation committee is independent for purposes of the Nasdaq Listing Rules, is a non-employee director, as defined by Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, and is an outside director, as defined pursuant to Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

The functions of the compensation committee include:

- reviewing and approving, or recommending that our board of directors approve, the compensation of our executive officers:
- reviewing and recommending to our board of directors the compensation of our directors;
- reviewing and recommending to our board of directors the terms of any compensatory agreements with our executive officers:
- administering our stock and equity incentive plans;
- reviewing and approving, or making recommendations to our board of directors with respect to, incentive compensation and equity plans; and
- reviewing our overall compensation philosophy.

The compensation committee and board of directors believe that attracting, retaining and motivating our employees, and particularly the company s senior management team and key operating personnel, are essential to Paylocity s performance and enhancing shareholder value. The compensation committee will continue to administer and develop our compensation programs in a manner designed to achieve these objectives.

The compensation committee s specific responsibilities are set forth in its charter, which the compensation committee reviews at least annually. The compensation committee reviews and recommends policies relating to compensation and benefits of our officers and employees. The compensation committee reviews and approves corporate goals and objectives relevant to compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers, evaluates the performance of these officers in light of those goals and objectives, and recommends the compensation of these officers based on such evaluations. The compensation committee also administers the issuance of stock options and other awards under our equity compensation plans.

In April 2014, the compensation committee selected Compensia, Inc. (Compensia) to provide independent compensation consulting support. Compensia has provided market information on compensation trends and practices and makes compensation recommendations based on competitive data of a peer group of companies. Compensia is also available to perform special projects at the compensation committee s request. Compensia provides analyses and recommendations that inform the compensation committee s decisions, but does not decide or approve any compensation actions. As needed, the compensation committee also consults with Compensia on other compensation-related matters, which for fiscal 2016 included a review of total cash and all stock-based compensation for Paylocity s executives and board of directors. Compensia also provided guidance on executive and board of director stock ownership guidelines. The engagement of any compensation consultant rests exclusively with the compensation committee, which has sole authority to retain and terminate any compensation consultant or other advisor that it uses.

The compensation committee has assessed the independence of Compensia and concluded that no conflicts of interest exist that would prevent Compensia from providing independent and objective advice to the compensation committee.

The compensation committee held two meetings during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The members of the nominating and corporate governance committee are Messrs. Diehl, Mishler and Reiner. Mr. Diehl serves as the chairperson of the nominating and corporate governance committee. Our board of directors determined that each member of our nominating and corporate governance committee is independent for purposes of the Nasdaq Listing Rules and under applicable SEC rules and regulations. The functions of the nominating and corporate governance committee include:

identifying and recommending candidates for membership on our board of directors;

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- reviewing and recommending our corporate governance guidelines and policies;
- reviewing proposed waivers of the code of conduct for directors and executive officers;
- overseeing the process of evaluating the performance of our board of directors; and
- assisting our board of directors on corporate governance matters.

The nominating and corporate governance committee held three meetings during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Director Nominations

Our nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for, among other things, assisting our board of directors in identifying qualified director nominees and recommending nominees for each annual meeting of stockholders. The nominating and corporate governance committee s goal is to assemble a board that brings to our company a diversity of experience in areas that are relevant to our business and that complies with the Nasdaq Listing Rules and applicable SEC rules and regulations. While we do not have a formal diversity policy for board membership, the nominating and corporate governance committee generally considers the diversity of nominees in terms of knowledge, experience, background, skills, expertise and other demographic factors. When considering nominees for election as directors, the nominating and corporate governance committee reviews the needs of the board for various skills, background, experience and expected contributions and the qualification standards established from time to time by the nominating and corporate governance committee. The nominating and corporate governance committee believes that directors must also have an inquisitive and objective outlook and mature judgment. Director candidates must have sufficient time available in the judgment of the nominating and corporate governance committee to perform all board and committee responsibilities. Members of the board of directors are expected to rigorously prepare for, attend and participate in all meetings of the board and applicable committee meetings.

Other than the foregoing and the applicable rules regarding director qualification, there are no stated minimum criteria for director nominees. Under the Nasdaq Listing Rules, at least a majority of the members of the board must meet the definition of independence and at least one director must be a financial expert under the Exchange Act and the Nasdaq Listing Rules and applicable SEC rules and regulations. The nominating and corporate governance committee also believes it appropriate for our Chief Executive Officer to participate as a member of the board of directors.

The nominating and corporate governance committee evaluates annually the current members of the board whose terms are expiring and who are willing to continue in service against the criteria set forth above in determining whether to recommend these directors for election. The nominating and corporate governance committee will assess regularly the optimum size of the board and its committees and the needs of the board for various skills, background and business experience in determining if the board requires additional candidates for nomination.

Candidates for director nominations come to our attention from time to time through incumbent directors, management, stockholders or third parties. These candidates may be considered at meetings of the nominating and corporate governance committee at any point during the year. Such candidates are to be evaluated against the criteria set forth above. If the nominating and corporate governance committee believes at any time that it is desirable that the board consider additional candidates for nomination, the committee may poll directors and management for suggestions or conduct research to identify possible candidates and may engage, if the nominating and corporate governance committee believes it is appropriate, a third-party search firm to assist in identifying qualified candidates.

Our bylaws permit stockholders to nominate directors for consideration at an annual meeting. The nominating and corporate governance committee will consider director candidates validly recommended by stockholders. For more information regarding the requirements for stockholders to validly submit a nomination for director, see *Stockholders Proposals or Nominations to Be Presented at Next Annual Meeting* elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

Compensation of Directors

In September 2014, we implemented a director compensation package, pursuant to which our directors are eligible to receive equity awards and cash retainers as compensation for service on our board of directors and committees of our board of directors. Under our director compensation package, our directors are entitled to receive a \$30,000 annual retainer fee. The audit committee chairperson receives an annual fee of \$20,000, and members of the audit committee receive an annual fee of \$10,000. The compensation committee chairperson receives an annual fee of \$15,000, and members of the compensation committee receive an

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annual fee of \$7,500. The nominating and corporate governance committee chairperson receives an annual fee of \$10,000, and the members of the nominating and corporate governance committee receive an annual fee of \$5,000.

In each of August 2014 and August 2015, the compensation committee of our board of directors approved a restricted stock unit grant entitling each director to receive that number of shares of our common stock equal to \$150,000 divided by the then current share price of our common stock, vesting 25% quarterly. In August 2016, the compensation committee of our board of directors approved a restricted stock unit grant entitling each director to receive that number of shares of our common stock equal to \$165,000 divided by the then 30 trading day average closing price of our common stock. These grants vest 25% quarterly, such that the grant vests in full on the first anniversary of the grant, provided that the director continues to serve as a director through such vesting date. In August 2016, our board of directors affirmed that the director s cash compensation package for fiscal 2017 would remain unchanged from the cash compensation package for fiscal 2016; provided, however, that the board of directors approved an annual fee of \$16,500 for the lead independent director.

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation earned during the last fiscal year by each director who received such compensation. Our Chief Executive Officer did not receive additional compensation for his service as a director and, consequently, no additional compensation is included in the table. The compensation received by our Chief Executive Officer as an employee is presented under *Compensation of Named Executive Officers Summary Compensation Table*.

Name		Carned or in Cash	Awards (1)	Total
Steven R. Beauchamp	\$	\$	\$	
Jeffrey T. Diehl	\$	50,000(2) \$	149,975(7) \$	199,975
Mark H. Mishler	\$	60,000(3) \$	149,975(7) \$	209,975
Andres D. Reiner	\$	42,500(4) \$	149,975(7) \$	192,475
Steven I. Sarowitz	\$	30,000(5) \$	149,975(7) \$	179,975
Ronald V. Waters, III	\$	57,500(6) \$	149,975(7) \$	207,475

Amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock units granted during the year computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718. Assumptions used in calculating the amounts reported in this column are set forth in Note 14 *Benefit Plans* of the audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Note that the amounts reported in this column reflect the accounting cost for these awards, and do not correspond to the actual economic value that our directors may receive from the awards.

- (2) Consists of \$30,000 annual retainer fee for service on the board of directors, \$10,000 annual fee for service on the audit committee and \$10,000 annual fee for service as the chairman of the nominating and corporate governance committee.
- Consists of \$30,000 annual retainer fee for service on the board of directors, \$10,000 annual fee for service on the audit committee, \$15,000 annual fee for services as the chairman of the compensation committee and \$5,000

annual fee for service on the nominating and corporate governance committee.

- (4) Consists of \$30,000 annual retainer fee for service on the board of directors, \$7,500 annual fee for services on the compensation committee and \$5,000 annual fee for service on the nominating and corporate governance committee.
- (5) Consists of \$30,000 annual retainer fee for service on the board of directors.
- (6) Consists of \$30,000 annual retainer fee for service on the board of directors, \$20,000 annual fee for service as the chairman of audit committee and \$7,500 annual fee for services on the compensation committee. Mr. Waters became Lead Independent Director in July 2016 and therefore his fees for such service will be received in fiscal 2017.
- Consists of 4,251 restricted stock units, of which 1,063 restricted stock units had not yet vested as of June 30, 2016. The unvested restricted stock units vested on August 17, 2016.

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Communications with Directors

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate with the board of directors by mail addressed as follows:

Board of Directors of Paylocity Holding Corporation c/o Corporate Secretary 3850 N. Wilke Road Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

Please indicate on the envelope that the correspondence contains a stockholder communication. All directors have access to this correspondence. In accordance with instructions from the board, the Corporate Secretary logs and reviews all correspondence and transmits such communications to the full board or individual directors, as appropriate. Certain communications, such as business solicitations, job inquiries, junk mail, patently offensive material or communications that present security concerns may not be transmitted, as determined by the Corporate Secretary.

Director Attendance at Annual Meetings

We attempt to schedule our annual meeting of stockholders at a time and date to accommodate attendance by our board of directors taking into account the directors—schedules. All directors are encouraged to attend our annual meeting of stockholders. The board of directors, however, does not have a policy requiring director attendance at our annual meetings of stockholders. One of the directors attended our Annual Meeting of Stockholders in fiscal 2016.

Committee Charters and Other Corporate Governance Materials

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the Code), that applies to all of our employees, officers (including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions) and directors. The Code is available on the investor relations section of our website at http://investors.paylocity.com. A printed copy of the Code may also be obtained by any stockholder free of charge upon request to the Corporate Secretary, Paylocity Holding Corporation, 3850 N. Wilke Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004. Any substantive amendment to or waiver of any provision of the Code may be made only by the board of directors and will be disclosed on our website as well as via any other means then required by Nasdaq Listing Rules or applicable law.

Our board of directors has also adopted a written charter for each of the audit committee, the compensation committee and the nominating and corporate governance committee. Each charter is available on the investor relations section of our website at http://investors.paylocity.com.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

We have adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines (the Guidelines) that address the composition of the board, criteria for board membership and other board governance matters. These Guidelines are available on the investor relations section of our website at http://investors.paylocity.com. A printed copy of the Guidelines may also be obtained by any stockholder free of charge upon request to the Corporate Secretary, Paylocity Holding Corporation, 3850 N. Wilke Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

None of the members of the compensation committee are or have been an officer or employee of Paylocity. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, none of our company s executive officers served on the compensation committee (or its equivalent) or board of directors of another entity any of whose executive officers served on our compensation committee or board of directors.

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PROPOSAL NO. 2

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The audit committee of our board of directors has selected KPMG LLP (KPMG) to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm to audit the consolidated financial statements of Paylocity Holding Corporation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. KPMG has served as our auditor since May 2013. A representative of KPMG is expected to be present at the annual meeting to respond to appropriate questions and make a statement if he or she so desires.

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees billed by KPMG for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2015
Audit fees (1)	\$ 1,213,971	\$ 894,408
Audit-related fees (2)	\$	\$
Tax fees (3)	\$ 63,735	\$ 138,811
All other fees (4)	\$ 27,036	\$ 25,449
Total fees	\$ 1,304,742	\$ 1,058,668

⁽¹⁾ Audit fees consist of fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of our consolidated annual financial statements, the review of the interim consolidated financial statements included in quarterly reports and services that are normally provided by the independent auditor in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements, consultations concerning financial reporting in connection with acquisitions and issuances of auditor consents and comfort letters in connection with SEC registration statements and related SEC registered securities offerings.

- Audit-related fees consist of fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our consolidated financial statements and are not reported under Audit Fees.
- Tax fees consist of fees billed for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. These services include assistance regarding federal and state tax compliance and acquisitions.
- (4) All other fees consist of fees for products and services other than the services reported above.

Policy on Audit Committee Pre-approval of Audit and Non-audit Services Performed by Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The audit committee has determined that all services performed by KPMG are compatible with maintaining the independence of KPMG. The audit committee s policy is to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. Unless the specific service has been pre-approved with respect to that year, the audit committee must approve the permitted service before the independent registered public accounting firm is engaged to perform it. The independent registered public accounting firm and management are required to periodically report to the audit committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm in accordance with this pre-approval process.

Vote Required and Board of Directors Recommendation

The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter at the annual meeting is required for approval of this proposal. Abstentions will have the effect of a vote against the ratification of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accountants. Your bank or broker will have discretion to vote any uninstructed shares on this proposal. If the stockholders do not approve the ratification of KPMG as our independent registered public accounting firm, the audit committee will reconsider its selection.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017. PROXIES WILL BE SO VOTED UNLESS STOCKHOLDERS SPECIFY OTHERWISE IN THEIR PROXIES.

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee currently consists of three directors. Messrs. Diehl, Mishler and Waters are each, in the judgment of the board of directors, an independent director. The audit committee acts pursuant to a written charter that has been adopted by the board of directors. A copy of the charter is available on the investor relations section of Paylocity s website at http://investors.paylocity.com.

The audit committee oversees Paylocity s financial reporting process on behalf of the board of directors. The audit committee is responsible for retaining Paylocity s independent registered public accounting firm, evaluating its independence, qualifications and performance, and approving in advance the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm for all audit and non-audit services. The audit committee s specific responsibilities are set forth in its charter. The audit committee reviews its charter at least annually.

Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the financial reporting process, including internal control systems, and procedures designed to insure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Paylocity s independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG, is responsible for expressing an opinion as to the conformity of our audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles.

The audit committee has reviewed and discussed with management the company s audited financial statements. The audit committee has also discussed with KPMG LLP all matters that the independent registered public accounting firm was required to communicate and discuss with the audit committee, including the matters required to be discussed by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Auditing Standard No. 16, *Communications with Audit Committees*. In addition, the audit committee has met with the independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present, to discuss the overall scope of the independent registered public accounting firm s audit, the results of its examinations, its evaluations of the company s internal controls and the overall quality of Paylocity s financial reporting.

The audit committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent registered public accounting firm s communications with the audit committee concerning independence and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm its independence.

Based on the review and discussions referred to above, the audit committee recommended to Paylocity s board of directors that the company s audited financial statements be included in Paylocity s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Ronald V. Waters, III, Chair Jeffrey T. Diehl Mark H. Mishler

The foregoing Report of the Audit Committee shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Paylocity under the Securities Act of 1933, as Amended (the Securities Act) or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that Paylocity specifically incorporates such

information by reference in such filing and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act or considered to be soliciting material.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table sets forth information regarding our executive officers as of October 25, 2016.

Name	Age	Position
Steven R. Beauchamp	44	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Peter J. McGrail	57	Chief Financial Officer
Michael R. Haske	44	Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing
Edward W. Gaty	43	Senior Vice President of Product and Technology
Mark S. Kinsey	46	Senior Vice President of Operations

Mr. Beauchamp s biography can be found on page 5 of this Proxy Statement with the biographies of the other members of the board of directors. Biographies for our other executive officers, including our other named executive officers, are below.

Peter J. McGrail is our Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining Paylocity in 2010, Mr. McGrail served from 2007 to 2009 as Chief Financial Officer of FetchDog, a pet accessory catalog and Internet sales company. Mr. McGrail also served previously as Chief Financial Officer for two payroll services companies: Advantage Payroll Services, Inc. from 1999 to 2003 and CompuPay, Inc. from 2005 to 2007. Mr. McGrail also spent seven years at the Boston office of KPMG Peat Marwick, now KPMG, where he was an audit manager and attained his CPA designation. Mr. McGrail holds a Master s Degree in Accounting from Bentley University and a B.A. in Economics from Colgate University.

Michael R. Haske is our Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing. Prior to joining Paylocity in 2007, Mr. Haske held several roles at Paychex, Inc., including Director of Marketing and Business Development and Regional Manager. Prior to joining Paychex, Inc., Mr. Haske held multiple roles with Automatic Data Processing, Inc., including Sales Manager & Corporate Sales Trainer. Mr. Haske earned his B.A. degree in Marketing and Finance from the University of Michigan. He also earned an M.B.A. in Marketing from Cardean/Ellis NYIT.

Edward W. Gaty is our Senior Vice President of Product and Technology. Prior to joining Paylocity in July 2013, Mr. Gaty held several positions at Hewitt Associates and Aon Hewitt, a human resources consulting firm, from 1995 to 2013, including Chief Information Officer, Benefits Administration and Chief Technology Officer, Benefits Administration. Mr. Gaty holds a B.A. in Economics & Business Administration from Kalamazoo College and an M.S. in Information Technology from Northwestern University.

Mark S. Kinsey is our Senior Vice President of Operations. Prior to joining Paylocity in May 2015, Mr. Kinsey served as President of Online Data Collection at Ipsos from 2012 to 2015. Prior to joining Ipsos, Kinsey held several positions at The Nielsen Company from 2002 to 2012, including Head of North America Consumer Operations and Global

Product Leader of consumer household panel services. Before joining The Nielsen Company, Kinsey was a consultant in the general practice with AT Kearney, a management consulting firm. He holds a B.S. in Finance from Ball State University and an M.B.A. from Indiana University.