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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Sankaran Vivek</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>3550 LENOX ROAD NE</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>ATLANTA GA 30326</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/19/2026</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC [GPN]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. 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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

[Exhibit 24 Power of Attorney filed herewith.](#)

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Dara Steele-Belkin, attorney-in-fact for Vivek Sankaran 03/17/2026

** 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 5 (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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KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that the undersigned does hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Dara Steele-Belkin and Joshua J. Whipple (and any other employee of Global Payments Inc. (the "Company") designated in writing by one of the attorneys-in-fact), acting individually, to do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, and any such Form 144, complete and execute any amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including (i) acting as an account administrator or delegated administrator for the undersigned's EDGAR Next account and carrying out any action associated with such administrator designation or delegation as such attorney-in-fact deems necessary or appropriate, including filing any Form ID application, or (ii) causing the Company to accept a delegation of authority from any of the undersigned's EDGAR Next account administrators and pursuant to such delegation authorize the Company's EDGAR Next account administrators to appoint, remove or replace designated users for the undersigned's EDGAR Next account as such attorney-in-fact deems necessary or appropriate, as required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), relating to the Company with respect to securities of the Company that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the undersigned under the Act, giving and granting unto each said attorney-in-fact power and authority to act in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present by one of its authorized signatories, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The undersigned acknowledges that said attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Act.

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY shall remain in full force and effect until either revoked in writing by the undersigned, until the undersigned is no longer required to make filings under the Act or until such time as the person or persons to whom power of attorney has been hereby granted cease(s) to be an employee of the Company or one of its affiliates.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly subscribed these presents as of February 22, 2026.

/s/ Vivek Sankaran
Vivek Sankaran