

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

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(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2020**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission File Number 001-36773**

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**WORKIVA INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**47-2509828**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**2900 University Blvd  
Ames, IA 50010  
(888) 275-3125**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(888) 275-3125**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Class A common stock, par value \$.001	WK	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act): Yes  No

As of October 31, 2020, there were approximately 39,896,661 shares of the registrant's Class A common stock and 8,299,610 shares of the registrant's Class B common stock outstanding.

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## **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are subject to the safe harbor created thereby. All statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q other than statements of historical facts, including statements regarding our future results of operations and financial position, our business strategy and plans and our objectives for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words “believe,” “may,” “will,” “estimate,” “continue,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “expect” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy, short-term and long-term business operations and objectives, and financial needs. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those described in “Item 1A. Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, in “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in any subsequent filing we make with the SEC, as well as in any documents incorporated by reference that describe risks and factors that could cause results to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements.

Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time. It is not possible for our management to predict all risks, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the future events and trends discussed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may not occur and actual results could differ materially and adversely from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance, achievements or events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will occur. We are under no duty to update any of these forward-looking statements after completion of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to conform these statements to actual results or revised expectations.

## Part I. Financial Information

### Item 1. Financial Statements

#### WORKIVA INC.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	<u>As of September 30, 2020</u>	<u>As of December 31, 2019</u>
	<u>(unaudited)</u>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 426,132	\$ 381,742
Marketable securities	97,750	106,214
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$679 and \$866 at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively	55,571	60,228
Deferred commissions	17,919	14,108
Other receivables	2,417	2,432
Prepaid expenses and other	9,587	6,508
Total current assets	<u>609,376</u>	<u>571,232</u>
Property and equipment, net	38,231	39,745
Operating lease right-of-use assets	16,631	15,352
Deferred commissions, non-current	17,572	14,977
Intangible assets, net	1,633	1,651
Other assets	4,059	3,439
Total assets	<u>\$ 687,502</u>	<u>\$ 646,396</u>

**WORKIVA INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (continued)**  
**(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

	<u>As of September 30, 2020</u>	<u>As of December 31, 2019</u>
	<u>(unaudited)</u>	
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,651	\$ 7,057
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	63,444	49,930
Deferred revenue	182,700	173,617
Current portion of financing obligations	1,429	1,328
Total current liabilities	<u>251,224</u>	<u>231,932</u>
Convertible senior notes, net	287,242	280,601
Deferred revenue, non-current	34,756	32,569
Other long-term liabilities	1,748	1,498
Operating lease liabilities, non-current	18,229	18,564
Financing obligations, non-current	14,805	15,889
Total liabilities	<u>608,004</u>	<u>581,053</u>
Stockholders' equity		
Class A common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 1,000,000,000 shares authorized, 39,781,596 and 38,043,444 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively	40	38
Class B common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 8,349,610 and 8,595,596 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively	8	9
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 100,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Additional paid-in-capital	474,969	420,170
Accumulated deficit	(396,006)	(355,161)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	487	287
Total stockholders' equity	<u>79,498</u>	<u>65,343</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 687,502</u>	<u>\$ 646,396</u>

*See accompanying notes.*

**WORKIVA INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)  
(unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Revenue				
Subscription and support	\$ 75,850	\$ 63,022	\$ 214,907	\$ 179,617
Professional services	12,249	11,157	42,853	38,009
Total revenue	88,099	74,179	257,760	217,626
Cost of revenue				
Subscription and support	12,013	10,924	36,264	30,935
Professional services	9,873	10,827	30,262	31,029
Total cost of revenue	21,886	21,751	66,526	61,964
Gross profit	66,213	52,428	191,234	155,662
Operating expenses				
Research and development	23,956	22,899	70,458	66,705
Sales and marketing	35,487	32,990	106,874	86,568
General and administrative	13,722	12,017	46,802	33,626
Total operating expenses	73,165	67,906	224,134	186,899
Loss from operations	(6,952)	(15,478)	(32,900)	(31,237)
Interest income	471	1,460	2,832	2,593
Interest expense	(3,572)	(1,959)	(10,689)	(2,832)
Other (expense) income, net	(387)	24	263	(259)
Loss before provision for income taxes	(10,440)	(15,953)	(40,494)	(31,735)
Provision for income taxes	67	98	351	101
Net loss	\$ (10,507)	\$ (16,051)	\$ (40,845)	\$ (31,836)
Net loss per common share:				
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.69)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic and diluted	48,840,131	46,731,663	48,188,183	46,048,037

*See accompanying notes.*

**WORKIVA INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**  
**(in thousands)**  
**(unaudited)**

	<b>Three months ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine months ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Net loss	\$ (10,507)	\$ (16,051)	\$ (40,845)	\$ (31,836)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax				
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax	30	19	(51)	34
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities, net of tax	(211)	43	251	162
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(181)	62	200	196
Comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (10,688)</u>	<u>\$ (15,989)</u>	<u>\$ (40,645)</u>	<u>\$ (31,640)</u>

*See accompanying notes.*



**WORKIVA INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	<u>Common Stock (Class A and B)</u>		<u>Additional Paid-in Capital</u>	<u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income</u>	<u>Accumulated Deficit</u>	<u>Total Stockholders' Equity</u>
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>				
Balances at December 31, 2019	46,639	\$ 47	\$ 420,170	\$ 287	\$ (355,161)	\$ 65,343
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	9,936	—	—	9,936
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options	225	—	2,794	—	—	2,794
Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	94	—	3,660	—	—	3,660
Issuance of restricted stock units	117	—	—	—	—	—
Tax withholding related to net share settlements of stock-based compensation awards	(30)	—	(1,379)	—	—	(1,379)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	(10,573)	(10,573)
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(9)	—	(9)
Balances at March 31, 2020	47,045	\$ 47	\$ 435,181	\$ 278	\$ (365,734)	\$ 69,772
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	14,894	—	—	14,894
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options	443	—	6,664	—	—	6,664
Issuance of restricted stock units	153	—	—	—	—	—
Tax withholding related to net share settlements of stock-based compensation awards	(21)	—	(732)	—	—	(732)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	(19,765)	(19,765)
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	390	—	390
Balances at June 30, 2020	47,620	\$ 47	\$ 456,007	\$ 668	\$ (385,499)	\$ 71,223
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	10,601	—	—	10,601
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options	371	1	4,794	—	—	4,795
Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	93	—	3,567	—	—	3,567
Issuance of restricted stock units	47	—	—	—	—	—
Net loss	—	—	—	—	(10,507)	(10,507)
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	(181)	—	(181)
Balances at September 30, 2020	48,131	\$ 48	\$ 474,969	\$ 487	\$ (396,006)	\$ 79,498

**WORKIVA INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (continued)**  
(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	<u>Common Stock (Class A and B)</u>		Additional Paid-in-Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount				
Balances at December 31, 2018	44,044	\$ 44	\$ 297,145	\$ 98	\$ (307,027)	\$ (9,740)
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	8,193	—	—	8,193
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options	961	1	11,054	—	—	11,055
Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	101	—	2,149	—	—	2,149
Issuance of restricted stock units	25	—	—	—	—	—
Tax withholding related to net share settlements of stock-based compensation awards	(10)	—	(390)	—	—	(390)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	(7,463)	(7,463)
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	52	—	52
Balances at March 31, 2019	45,121	\$ 45	\$ 318,151	\$ 150	\$ (314,490)	\$ 3,856
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	8,513	—	—	8,513
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options	455	1	5,497	—	—	5,498
Issuance of restricted stock units	323	—	—	—	—	—
Net loss	—	—	—	—	(8,322)	(8,322)
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	82	—	82
Balances at June 30, 2019	45,899	\$ 46	\$ 332,161	\$ 232	\$ (322,812)	\$ 9,627
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	9,223	—	—	9,223
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options	401	1	5,939	—	—	5,940
Issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	87	—	2,773	—	—	2,773
Issuance of restricted stock units	35	—	—	—	—	—
Equity component of convertible senior notes, net	—	—	58,560	—	—	58,560
Net loss	—	—	—	—	(16,051)	(16,051)
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	62	—	62
Balances at September 30, 2019	46,422	\$ 47	\$ 408,656	\$ 294	\$ (338,863)	\$ 70,134

*See accompanying notes.*

**WORKIVA INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Net loss	\$ (10,507)	\$ (16,051)	\$ (40,845)	\$ (31,836)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	1,160	1,058	3,433	2,932
Stock-based compensation expense	10,601	9,223	35,431	25,929
Recovery of doubtful accounts	(550)	(104)	(191)	(58)
Amortization (accretion) of premiums and discounts on marketable securities, net	106	15	319	(89)
Amortization of debt discount and issuance costs	2,231	1,083	6,641	1,083
Deferred income tax	63	(21)	(68)	(67)
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	(13,307)	3,579	4,805	21,530
Deferred commissions	(4,818)	(2,106)	(6,381)	(7,968)
Operating lease right-of-use asset	1,019	581	2,992	1,805
Other receivables	224	(417)	29	(470)
Prepaid expenses and other	(211)	(191)	(3,056)	(3,737)
Other assets	83	(943)	(600)	(2,349)
Accounts payable	(181)	516	(3,255)	160
Deferred revenue	16,182	3,830	11,314	14,112
Operating lease liability	(1,115)	(758)	(3,438)	(2,226)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	6,819	5,403	12,531	9,828
Net cash provided by operating activities	7,799	4,697	19,661	28,579
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Purchase of property and equipment	(379)	(663)	(1,763)	(2,860)
Purchase of marketable securities	(7,980)	(54,749)	(45,269)	(95,466)
Sale of marketable securities	—	498	11,423	498
Maturities of marketable securities	16,300	1,500	42,337	20,390
Purchase of intangible assets	(102)	(51)	(253)	(712)
Other investments	—	(1,000)	—	(1,000)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	7,839	(54,465)	6,475	(79,150)

WORKIVA INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Proceeds from option exercises	4,795	5,940	14,253	22,493
Taxes paid related to net share settlements of stock-based compensation awards	—	—	(2,111)	(390)
Proceeds from shares issued in connection with employee stock purchase plan	3,567	2,773	7,227	4,922
Proceeds from the issuance of convertible senior notes, net of issuance costs	—	335,899	—	335,899
Principal payments on financing obligations	(335)	(306)	(983)	(901)
Net cash provided by financing activities	8,027	344,306	18,386	362,023
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash	346	(127)	(132)	88
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	24,011	294,411	44,390	311,540
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	402,121	94,713	381,742	77,584
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 426,132	\$ 389,124	\$ 426,132	\$ 389,124
<b>Supplemental cash flow disclosure</b>				
Cash paid for interest	\$ 2,315	\$ 408	\$ 5,017	\$ 1,294
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 84	\$ 80	\$ 469	\$ 341
<b>Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities</b>				
Allowance for tenant improvements	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 149	\$ —

See accompanying notes.

**WORKIVA INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies**

***Organization***

Workiva Inc., a Delaware corporation (together with its wholly-owned subsidiaries, the “Company” or “we” or “us”), provides the world’s leading connected reporting and compliance platform, which is used by thousands of public and private companies, government agencies and higher-education institutions. The Workiva platform offers controlled collaboration, data linking, data integrations, granular permissions, process management and a full audit trail. Our operational headquarters are located in Ames, Iowa, with additional offices located in the United States, Europe, the Asia-Pacific region and Canada.

***Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation***

The financial information presented in the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements has been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) and in accordance with rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) regarding interim financial reporting. Accordingly, the financial statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. The condensed consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2019 was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by U.S. GAAP. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting primarily of normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position and results of operations. The operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the full year ending December 31, 2020.

Seasonality has affected our revenue, expenses and cash flows from operations. Revenue from professional services has been higher in the first quarter as many of our customers file their Form 10-K in the first calendar quarter. Our sales and marketing expense also has some degree of seasonality. Sales and marketing expense has historically been higher in the third quarter due to our annual user conference in September. Our transition to a virtual event in September 2020 has partially mitigated this trend, and we expect marketing expenses to continue to be offset by our virtual operations through 2021. In addition, the timing of the payments of cash bonuses to employees during the first and fourth calendar quarters may result in some seasonality in operating cash flow. The condensed consolidated financial information should be read in conjunction with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” contained in this report and the consolidated financial statements and notes included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 filed with the SEC on February 20, 2020.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Workiva Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Additionally, certain prior period amounts have been reclassified for consistency with the current year presentation. The reclassification of the prior period amounts were not material to the previously reported consolidated financial statements.

### ***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions believed to be reasonable. These estimates include, but are not limited to, the allowance for doubtful accounts, the determination of the relative selling prices of our services, the measurement of material rights, health insurance claims incurred but not yet reported, valuation of available-for-sale marketable securities, useful lives of deferred contract costs, intangible assets and property and equipment, income taxes, discount rates used in the valuation of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities, the fair value of the liability and equity components of the convertible senior notes, and certain assumptions used in the valuation of equity awards. While these estimates are based on our best knowledge of current events and actions that may affect us in the future, actual results may differ materially from these estimates.

### ***Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements***

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, which amends the current accounting guidance and requires the measurement of all expected losses based on historical experience, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. For trade receivables, loans, and other financial instruments, we are required to use a forward-looking expected loss model that reflects probable losses rather than the incurred loss model for recognizing credit losses. The standard became effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted. Application of the amendments is through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the effective date. Effective January 1, 2020, we adopted this standard. The adoption of this new standard did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

### ***New Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted***

In August 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-06, *Accounting for Convertible Instruments and Contracts in an Entity's Own Equity*, which simplifies the accounting for certain convertible instruments, amends guidance on derivative scope exceptions for contracts in an entity's own equity, and modifies the guidance on diluted earnings per share (EPS) calculations as a result of these changes. The standard will be effective for us beginning January 1, 2022 and can be applied on either a fully retrospective or modified retrospective basis. Early adoption is permitted for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020. We are currently evaluating the impact of this standard on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes*. This amendment was issued to simplify the accounting for income taxes by removing certain exceptions for recognizing deferred taxes, performing intraperiod allocation, and calculating income taxes in interim periods. Further, ASU 2019-12 adds guidance to reduce complexity in certain areas, including recognizing deferred taxes for tax basis goodwill and allocating taxes to members of a consolidated group. ASU 2019-12 is effective for public business entities for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2020. The guidance is effective for us beginning January 1, 2021, and prescribes different transition methods for the various provisions. We plan to adopt this guidance on the effective date, and we do not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or disclosures.

## 2. Supplemental Consolidated Balance Sheet Information

### Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities consisted of the following (in thousands):

	As of September 30, 2020	As of December 31, 2019
Accrued vacation	\$ 10,835	\$ 8,353
Accrued commissions	7,994	5,561
Accrued bonuses	12,420	7,121
Accrued payroll	2,463	1,221
Estimated health insurance claims	1,200	1,040
ESPP employee contributions	2,242	3,734
Customer deposits	16,255	12,151
Operating lease liabilities	4,485	3,064
Accrued other liabilities	5,550	7,685
	<u>\$ 63,444</u>	<u>\$ 49,930</u>

### 3. Cash Equivalents and Marketable Securities

At September 30, 2020, cash equivalents and marketable securities consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Aggregate Fair Value
Money market funds	\$ 396,478	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 396,478
Commercial paper	8,977	—	—	8,977
U.S. treasury debt securities	18,535	135	—	18,670
U.S. corporate debt securities	69,726	378	(1)	70,103
	<u>\$ 493,716</u>	<u>\$ 513</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ 494,228</u>
Included in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 396,478</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 396,478</u>
Included in marketable securities	<u>\$ 97,238</u>	<u>\$ 513</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ 97,750</u>

At December 31, 2019, cash equivalents and marketable securities consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Aggregate Fair Value
Money market funds	\$ 360,471	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 360,471
U.S. treasury debt securities	10,342	8	(1)	10,349
U.S. corporate debt securities	95,706	164	(5)	95,865
	<u>\$ 466,519</u>	<u>\$ 172</u>	<u>\$ (6)</u>	<u>\$ 466,685</u>
Included in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 360,471</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 360,471</u>
Included in marketable securities	<u>\$ 106,048</u>	<u>\$ 172</u>	<u>\$ (6)</u>	<u>\$ 106,214</u>

The following table presents gross unrealized losses and fair values for those marketable securities that were in an unrealized loss position as of September 30, 2020, aggregated by investment category and the length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous loss position (in thousands):

	As of September 30, 2020			
	Less than 12 months		12 months or greater	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
U.S. corporate debt securities	\$ 2,306	\$ (1)	\$ —	\$ —
Total	\$ 2,306	\$ (1)	\$ —	\$ —

We do not believe the unrealized losses represent credit losses based on our evaluation of available evidence as of September 30, 2020, which includes an assessment of whether it is more likely than not we will be required to sell the investment before recovery of the investment's amortized cost basis.

#### 4. Fair Value Measurements

We determine the fair values of our financial instruments based on the fair value hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability and establishes that the fair value of an asset or liability shall be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The classification of a financial asset or liability within the hierarchy is based upon the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three levels that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 - Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Inputs are quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly through market corroboration, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 - Inputs are unobservable inputs based on our assumptions.

#### *Financial Assets*

Cash equivalents primarily consist of AAA-rated money market funds with overnight liquidity and no stated maturities. We classified cash equivalents as Level 1 due to the short-term nature of these instruments and measured the fair value based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

When available, our marketable securities are valued using quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets. If we are unable to value our marketable securities using quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets, we value our investments using broker reports that utilize quoted market prices for comparable instruments. We validate, on a sample basis, the derived prices provided by the brokers by comparing their assessment of the fair values of our investments against the fair values of the portfolio balances of another third-party professional pricing service. As of September 30, 2020, all of our marketable securities were valued using quoted prices for comparable instruments in active markets and are classified as Level 2.

Based on our valuation of our money market funds and marketable securities, we concluded that they are classified in either Level 1 or Level 2, and we have no financial assets measured using Level 3 inputs. The following table presents information about our assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis using the above input categories (in thousands):



Description	Fair Value Measurements as of September 30, 2020			Fair Value Measurements as of December 31, 2019		
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Total	Level 1	Level 2
Money market funds	\$ 396,478	\$ 396,478	\$ —	\$ 360,471	\$ 360,471	\$ —
Commercial paper	8,977	—	8,977	—	—	—
U.S. treasury debt securities	18,670	—	18,670	10,349	—	10,349
U.S. corporate debt securities	70,103	—	70,103	95,865	—	95,865
	<u>\$ 494,228</u>	<u>\$ 396,478</u>	<u>\$ 97,750</u>	<u>\$ 466,685</u>	<u>\$ 360,471</u>	<u>\$ 106,214</u>
Included in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 396,478			\$ 360,471		
Included in marketable securities	\$ 97,750			\$ 106,214		

### Convertible Senior Notes

As of September 30, 2020, the fair value of our convertible senior notes was \$338.9 million. The fair value was determined based on the quoted price of the convertible senior notes in an over-the-counter market on the last trading day of the reporting period and has been classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. See Note 5 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for more information.

### 5. Convertible Senior Notes

In August 2019, we issued \$345.0 million aggregate principal amount of 1.125% convertible senior notes due 2026 in a private placement to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including the exercise in full by the initial purchasers of their option to purchase an additional \$45.0 million principal amount (the “Notes”). The Notes were issued pursuant to an indenture and are senior, unsecured obligations of the Company. The Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 1.125% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing on February 15, 2020. Proceeds from the issuance of the Notes totaled \$335.9 million, net of initial purchaser discounts and issuance costs.

The initial conversion rate is 12.4756 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$80.16 per share, subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of specified events.

Interest expense representing the amortization of the debt discount and issuance costs as well as contractual interest expense is amortized to interest expense at an effective interest rate of 4.3% over the term of the Notes.

The net carrying amount of the liability and equity components of the Notes was as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Liability component:		
Principal	\$ 345,000	\$ 345,000
Unamortized discount	(51,344)	(57,247)
Unamortized issuance costs	(6,414)	(7,152)
Net carrying amount	<u>\$ 287,242</u>	<u>\$ 280,601</u>
Equity component, net of purchase discounts and issuance costs	\$ 58,560	\$ 58,560

Interest expense related to the Notes is as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Three months ended September 30, 2020</b>	<b>Nine months ended September 30, 2020</b>
Contractual interest expense	\$ 970	\$ 2,910
Amortization of debt discount	1,983	5,903
Amortization of issuance costs	248	738
Total interest expense	<u>\$ 3,201</u>	<u>\$ 9,551</u>

## 6. Commitments and Contingencies

### *Litigation*

From time to time we may become involved in legal proceedings or be subject to claims arising in the ordinary course of our business. We evaluate the development of legal matters on a regular basis and accrue a liability when we believe a loss is probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Although the results of litigation and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we currently believe that the final outcome of any currently pending legal proceedings to which we are a party will not have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition or cash flows. Regardless of the outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources and other factors.

## 7. Stock-Based Compensation

We grant stock-based incentive awards to attract, motivate and retain qualified employees, non-employee directors and consultants, and to align their financial interests with those of our stockholders. We utilize stock-based compensation in the form of restricted stock units, options to purchase Class A common stock and Employee Stock Purchase Plan (“ESPP”) purchase rights.

As of September 30, 2020, awards outstanding under the 2009 Plan consisted of stock options, and awards outstanding under the 2014 Plan consisted of stock options and restricted stock units.

As of September 30, 2020, 1,511,969 shares of Class A common stock were available for grant under the 2014 Plan.

Our ESPP became effective on June 13, 2017. Under the ESPP, eligible employees are granted options to purchase shares of Class A common stock at the lower of 85% of the fair market value of the stock at the time of grant or 85% of the fair market value at the time of exercise. Options to purchase shares are granted twice yearly on or about January 15 and July 15 and are exercisable on or about the succeeding July 14 and January 14, respectively, of each year. As of September 30, 2020, 4,445,378 shares of Class A common stock were available for issuance under the ESPP. No participant may purchase more than \$12,500 worth of common stock in a six-month offering period.

### **Stock-Based Compensation Expense**

Stock-based compensation expense was recorded in the following cost and expense categories consistent with the respective employee or service provider’s related cash compensation (in thousands):

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Cost of revenue				
Subscription and support	\$ 426	\$ 386	\$ 1,293	\$ 1,142
Professional services	272	456	1,062	1,296
Operating expenses				
Research and development	2,167	2,265	5,790	6,016
Sales and marketing	2,687	2,203	8,367	6,199
General and administrative	5,049	3,913	18,919	11,276
Total	<u>\$ 10,601</u>	<u>\$ 9,223</u>	<u>\$ 35,431</u>	<u>\$ 25,929</u>

## Stock Options

The following table summarizes the option activity under the Plans for the nine months ended September 30, 2020:

	Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
				(in thousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2019	4,353,167	\$ 14.32	5.6	\$ 120,714
Granted	—	—		
Forfeited	(48,383)	21.21		
Exercised	(1,038,807)	13.72		
Outstanding at September 30, 2020	<u>3,265,977</u>	\$ 14.41	4.9	\$ 135,054
Exercisable at September 30, 2020	3,075,241	\$ 14.16	4.8	\$ 127,924

Options to purchase Class A common stock generally vest over a three- or four-year period and are generally granted for a term of ten years. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$35.1 million and \$69.6 million, respectively.

No options were granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019. The total fair value of options vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was approximately \$3.1 million and \$5.0 million, respectively. Total unrecognized compensation expense of \$1.1 million related to options will be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately ten months.

**Restricted Stock Units**

Restricted stock units granted to employees generally vest over a three- or four-year period in equal, annual installments or with three-year cliff vesting. Restricted stock units granted to non-employee members of our Board of Directors generally have one-year cliff vesting from the date of grant. The recipient of a restricted stock unit award under the Plan will have no rights as a stockholder until share certificates are issued by us, but, at the discretion of our Compensation Committee, has the right to receive a dividend equivalent payment in the form of additional restricted stock units. Additionally, until the shares are issued, they have no voting rights and may not be bought or sold. The fair value for restricted stock units is calculated based on the stock price on the date of grant. The total fair value of restricted stock units vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was approximately \$23.5 million and \$7.3 million, respectively.

The following table summarizes the restricted stock unit activity under the Plan for the nine months ended September 30, 2020:

	<u>Number of Shares</u>		<u>Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value</u>
Unvested at December 31, 2019	3,039,020	\$	31.39
Granted	947,696		44.19
Forfeited	(295,947)		38.07
Vested <sup>(1)</sup>	(716,050)		32.83
Unvested at September 30, 2020	<u>2,974,719</u>	\$	35.36

(1) During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, in accordance with our Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, recipients of 409,302 shares had elected to defer settlement of the vested restricted stock units and 10,937 shares were released from deferral. This resulted in total deferred units of 935,567 as of September 30, 2020.

Compensation expense associated with unvested restricted stock units is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. At September 30, 2020, there was approximately \$62.3 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to restricted stock units, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.5 years.

**Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

The fair value of each share issued under the ESPP is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of our common stock. The expected term represents the period of time the ESPP purchase rights are expected to be outstanding. The expected term for the ESPP purchase rights approximates the offering period. The risk-free interest rate is based on yields on U.S. Treasury STRIPS (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities) with a maturity similar to the estimated expected term of the ESPP purchase rights.

The fair value of our ESPP purchase rights was estimated assuming no expected dividends and the following weighted-average assumptions:

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019
Expected term (in years)	0.5	0.5
Risk-free interest rate	0.2% - 1.5%	1.9% - 2.6%
Expected volatility	40.6% - 61.0%	35.2% - 48.6%

During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, 186,855 shares of common stock were purchased under the ESPP at a weighted-average price of \$38.68 per share, resulting in cash proceeds of \$7.2 million.

Compensation expense associated with ESPP purchase rights is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. At September 30, 2020, there was approximately \$949,000 of total unrecognized compensation expense related to the ESPP, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.3 years.

## 8. Revenue Recognition

### *Disaggregation of Revenue*

The following table presents our revenues disaggregated by industry (in thousands).

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Information technology	\$ 11,983	\$ 9,734	\$ 34,264	\$ 28,897
Diversified financials	10,665	8,570	31,232	24,271
Consumer discretionary	9,748	8,324	28,497	24,632
Industrials	9,365	8,190	27,768	24,194
Banks	8,959	7,476	25,914	21,099
Healthcare	8,772	6,949	25,517	20,463
Energy	5,812	5,515	17,793	16,605
Insurance	5,828	4,490	17,173	13,511
Real estate	3,769	3,827	11,810	12,067
Materials	3,824	2,926	10,735	8,978
Utilities	3,538	3,431	10,707	9,767
Other	5,836	4,747	16,350	13,142
Total revenues	<u>\$ 88,099</u>	<u>\$ 74,179</u>	<u>\$ 257,760</u>	<u>\$ 217,626</u>

The following table presents our revenues disaggregated by type of good or service (in thousands):

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Subscription and support	\$ 75,850	\$ 63,022	\$ 214,907	\$ 179,617
XBRL professional services	7,798	7,767	29,543	28,699
Other services	4,451	3,390	13,310	9,310
Total revenues	<u>\$ 88,099</u>	<u>\$ 74,179</u>	<u>\$ 257,760</u>	<u>\$ 217,626</u>

**Deferred Revenue**

We recognized \$68.2 million and \$59.0 million of revenue during the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, that was included in the deferred revenue balances at the beginning of the respective periods. We recognized \$148.3 million and \$114.4 million of revenue during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, that was included in the deferred revenue balances at the beginning of the respective periods.

**Transaction Price Allocated to the Remaining Performance Obligations**

As of September 30, 2020, we expect revenue of approximately \$339.5 million to be recognized from remaining performance obligations for subscription contracts. We expect to recognize approximately \$213.7 million of these remaining performance obligations over the next 12 months with the balance substantially recognized in the 24 months thereafter.

**9. Net Loss Per Share**

Basic net loss per share is computed by dividing the net loss by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted net loss per share is computed by giving effect to all potential shares of common stock, including convertible senior notes, outstanding stock options, stock related to unvested restricted stock units, and common stock issuable pursuant to the ESPP to the extent dilutive. Basic and diluted net loss per share was the same for each period presented, as the inclusion of all potential common shares outstanding would have been anti-dilutive.

The net loss per share is allocated based on the participation rights of the Class A and Class B common shares as if the loss for the year has been distributed. As the liquidation and dividend rights are identical, the net loss is allocated on a proportionate basis.

A reconciliation of the denominator used in the calculation of basic and diluted loss per share is as follows (in thousands, except share and per share data):

	Three months ended			
	September 30, 2020		September 30, 2019	
	Class A	Class B	Class A	Class B
<i>Numerator</i>				
Net loss	\$ (8,691)	\$ (1,816)	\$ (12,978)	\$ (3,073)
<i>Denominator</i>				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic and diluted	40,400,270	8,439,861	37,785,850	8,945,813
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.34)

	Nine months ended			
	September 30, 2020		September 30, 2019	
	Class A	Class B	Class A	Class B
<i>Numerator</i>				
Net loss	\$ (33,617)	\$ (7,228)	\$ (25,422)	\$ (6,414)
<i>Denominator</i>				
Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic and diluted	39,661,228	8,526,955	36,771,232	9,276,805
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.85)	\$ (0.69)	\$ (0.69)

The anti-dilutive securities excluded from the weighted-average shares used to calculate the diluted net loss per common share were as follows:

	As of	
	September 30, 2020	September 30, 2019
Shares subject to outstanding common stock options	3,265,977	4,542,729
Shares subject to unvested restricted stock units	2,974,719	2,844,156
Shares issuable pursuant to the ESPP	95,084	77,788

Additionally, approximately 4.3 million shares of our Class A common stock underlying the conversion option in the Notes, are not considered in the calculation of diluted net loss per share as the effect would be anti-dilutive. We use the treasury stock method for calculating any potential dilutive effect of the conversion option on diluted net income per share, if applicable. During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, the average market price of our Class A common stock did not exceed the conversion price of the Notes of \$80.16 per share.

## Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

*The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of our operations should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 20, 2020. In addition to historical consolidated financial information, this discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed below. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include, but are not limited to, those identified below, and those discussed in “Item 1A. Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, in “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in Part II of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in any subsequent filing we make with the SEC.*

### Overview

Workiva provides the world’s leading connected reporting and compliance platform, which is used by thousands of public and private companies, government agencies and higher-education institutions. Through our intelligent, cloud-based platform, we offer controlled collaboration, data linking, data integrations, granular permissions, process management and a full audit trail. Our users can connect narrative with their data, which greatly improves insight into their financial, regulatory, management and compliance reports. As of September 30, 2020, 3,583 organizations, including over 75% of Fortune 500® companies, subscribed to our platform.<sup>(1)</sup>

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Wdata, the component of our platform that includes data integration and preparation, enables our customers to connect data from Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platforms as well as other third-party cloud and on-premise systems. Once the data is connected in the Workiva platform, users can automate data and workflow updates, track every change and seamlessly collaborate with colleagues to create trusted reports and regulatory filings.

After users integrate their enterprise systems of record with our platform, many manual steps are removed, thereby improving data integrity throughout the entire reporting process and providing an immutable audit trail. Wdata also enables a broader set of business users to explore complex data at scale and better manage data transformations in the office of the CFO.

Although Workiva solutions are used for dozens of different use cases, we currently focus our sales and marketing resources in four areas: Regulatory Reporting, Non-Regulatory Reporting, Financial Services and Integrated Risk.

We operate our business on a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) model. Customers enter into quarterly, annual and multi-year subscription contracts to gain access to our platform. Our subscription fee includes the use of our software and technical support. Prior to the third quarter of 2018, our subscription pricing was based primarily on the number of corporate entities, number of users, level of customer support and length of contract. Thereafter, we began converting existing customer orders to, and signing new orders primarily based on, a solution-based licensing model. Under this model, operating metrics related to a customer’s expected use of each solution determine the price. At September 30, 2020, over 80% of our subscription revenue was priced on a solution-based licensing model. We charge customers additional fees primarily for document setup and XBRL tagging services.

We generate sales primarily through our direct sales force and, to a lesser extent, our customer success and professional services teams. In addition, we augment our direct sales channel with partnerships. Our advisory and service partners offer a wider range of domain and functional expertise



that broadens the capabilities of our platform, bringing scale and support to customers and prospects. Our technology partners enable more data and process integrations to help customers connect critical transactional systems directly to our platform, which becomes a central repository of trusted data, with powerful linking, auditability and control features.

We continue to invest in the development of our solutions, infrastructure and sales and marketing to drive long-term growth. Our full-time employee headcount expanded to 1,670 at September 30, 2020 from 1,512 at September 30, 2019, an increase of 10.4%.

We have achieved significant revenue growth in recent periods. Our revenue grew to \$88.1 million and \$257.8 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, from \$74.2 million and \$217.6 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively. We incurred net losses of \$10.5 million and \$40.8 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, compared to \$16.1 million and \$31.8 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively.

Converting existing customer orders to a solution-based licensing model contributed to the acceleration of growth in our subscription revenue in 2019. This conversion also contributed to the improvement in our subscription and support revenue retention rate including add-ons for the same period. The benefit of this contribution began to wane in the fourth quarter of 2019 and was largely completed during the first half of 2020. Accordingly, we will need to find new sources of revenue to sustain our growth rate in future periods. To maintain our revenue growth for the longer term, we have been accelerating our investments in talent, processes and technology, particularly for expansion in EMEA, integrated risk, statutory reporting and Wdata. If these investments do not meet our expectations, we may be unable to sustain our revenue growth rate. We expect these investments to generate operating losses ahead of any incremental revenue contribution they may generate.

### **Impact of COVID-19**

A pandemic of respiratory disease (abbreviated “COVID-19”) began to spread globally, including to the United States, in early 2020. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a public health emergency of international concern. The full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to be inherently uncertain at the time of this report. The COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in travel restrictions, prohibitions of non-essential activities, disruption and shutdown of certain businesses and greater uncertainty in global financial markets.

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”). The CARES Act, among other things, includes provisions relating to refundable payroll tax credits, deferment of employer side social security payments, net operating loss carryback periods, alternative minimum tax credit refunds, modifications to the net interest deduction limitations and technical corrections to tax depreciation methods for qualified improvement property. We do not believe the CARES Act will have a material impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

We cannot fully predict the extent to which the COVID-19 outbreak will impact our business or operating results, which is highly dependent on inherently uncertain future developments, including the severity and duration of the COVID-19 outbreak and the actions taken by governments and businesses in relation to COVID-19 containment. We have adopted several measures in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, including instructing employees to work from home, restricting non-critical business travel by our employees, and canceling in-person marketing events (including our annual user conference in September 2020 and September 2021) and replacing them with digital events. These travel restrictions and conversion of marketing and internal events to a virtual format resulted in an expense reduction of

approximately \$11.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 relative to the same period in the prior year. Notwithstanding these measures, we have been able to continue to meet the needs of our customers, keeping our platform fully operational and delivering the services contracted by our customers.

As a result of the work and travel restrictions relating to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, substantially all of our sales activities are being conducted remotely. We believe a number of customers and prospects have delayed purchasing decisions as result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Furthermore, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak existing and potential customers may ultimately choose to reduce technology spending or attempt to renegotiate contracts and obtain concessions, which could materially and negatively impact our operating results and financial condition. Because our platform is offered as a subscription-based service, the effects of the outbreak may not be fully reflected in our operating results until future periods.

### **Key Factors Affecting Our Performance**

*Generate Growth From Existing Customers.* The Workiva platform can exhibit a powerful network effect within an enterprise, meaning that the usefulness of our platform attracts additional users. Since solution-based licensing offers our customers an unlimited number of seats for each solution purchased, we expect customers to add more seats over time. As more employees in an enterprise use our platform, additional opportunities for collaboration and automation drive demand among their colleagues for additional solutions. Furthermore, the conversion of most of our customer contracts to solution-based licensing generated a one-time increase in contract value for each solution converted.

*Pursue New Customers.* We sell to organizations that manage large, complex processes with many contributors and disparate sets of business data. We market our platform to professionals in the areas of: finance and accounting, regulatory reporting, management and performance reporting, integrated risk management, and global statutory reporting. We intend to continue to build our sales and marketing organization and leverage our brand equity to attract new customers.

*Offer More Solutions.* We intend to introduce new solutions to continue to meet growing demand for our platform. Our close and trusted relationships with our customers are a source for new use cases, features and solutions. We have a disciplined process for tracking, developing and releasing new solutions that are designed to have immediate, broad applicability; a strong value proposition; and a high return on investment for both Workiva and our customers. Our advance planning team assesses customer needs, conducts industry-based research and defines new markets. This vetting process involves our sales, product marketing, customer success, professional services, research and development, finance and senior management teams.

*Expand Across Enterprises.* Our success in delivering multiple solutions has created demand from customers for a broader-based, enterprise-wide Workiva platform. In response, we have been improving our technology and realigning sales and marketing to capitalize on our growing enterprise-wide opportunities. We believe this expansion will add seats and revenue and continue to support our high revenue retention rates. However, we expect that enterprise-wide deals will be larger and more complex, which tend to lengthen the sales cycle.

*Add Partners.* We continue to expand our relationships with partners, including consulting and advisory firms, technology partners, and implementation partners. Our global partners, including global strategic consulting and advisory firms, identify opportunities for our platform to help companies transform financial reporting and integrated risk processes. We also partner with regional accounting, consulting and implementation partners. These highly skilled regional partners provide subject-matter expertise in the implementation of specific solutions and extend our direct sales force by referring

opportunities to us. Technology partners expand the ecosystem of our connected reporting and compliance platform and enable data connections and process integrations to further transform critical business functions, as we capitalize on growing demand for enterprise-wide opportunities. We believe that our partner ecosystem extends our global reach, accelerates the usage and adoption of our platform, and enables more efficient delivery of professional services.

*Investment in growth.* We plan to continue to invest in the development of our platform to enhance our current offerings and build new features. In addition, we expect to continue to invest in our sales, marketing, professional services and customer success organizations to drive additional revenue and support the needs of our growing customer base and to take advantage of opportunities that we have identified in EMEA, as well as use cases for integrated risk, global statutory reporting, Wdata and the U.S. federal government. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, regulatory authorities may delay the adoption of new regulations and policy mandates, which could adversely impact our business. For example, the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom (FCA) has set out proposed rule changes to postpone by one year the mandatory European Single Electronic Format (ESEF) requirements for annual financial reporting. Additionally, member states' ambassadors to the European Union agreed to the European Council's position to adopt an optional one-year delay to the planned schedule for implementation of the ESEF mandate, as part of a broader package designed to make it easier for capital markets to support economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.

*Seasonality.* Our revenue from professional services has some degree of seasonality. Many of our customers employ our professional services just before they file their Form 10-K, often in the first calendar quarter. Our sales and marketing expense also has some degree of seasonality. Sales and marketing expense has historically been higher in the third quarter due to our annual user conference in September. Our transition to a virtual event in September 2020 and September 2021 has mostly mitigated this trend. In addition, the timing of the payments of cash bonuses to employees during the first and fourth calendar quarters may result in some seasonality in operating cash flow.

## Key Performance Indicators

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	(dollars in thousands)			
<i>Financial metrics</i>				
Total revenue	\$ 88,099	\$ 74,179	\$ 257,760	\$ 217,626
Percentage increase in total revenue	18.8 %	21.9 %	18.4 %	21.0 %
Subscription and support revenue	\$ 75,850	\$ 63,022	\$ 214,907	\$ 179,617
Percentage increase in subscription and support revenue	20.4 %	22.8 %	19.6 %	22.5 %
Subscription and support as a percent of total revenue	86.1 %	85.0 %	83.4 %	82.5 %

	As of September 30,	
	2020	2019
<i>Operating metrics</i>		
Number of customers	3,583	3,454
Subscription and support revenue retention rate	94.9%	94.5%
Subscription and support revenue retention rate including add-ons	110.0%	112.8%
Number of customers with annual contract value \$100k+	785	611
Number of customers with annual contract value \$150k+	383	261

*Total customers.* We believe total number of customers is a key indicator of our financial success and future revenue potential. We define a customer as an entity with an active subscription contract as of the measurement date. Our customer is typically a parent company or, in a few cases, a significant subsidiary that works with us directly. Companies with publicly-listed securities account for a substantial majority of our customers.

*Subscription and support revenue retention rate.* We calculate our subscription and support revenue retention rate based on all customers that were active at the end of the same calendar quarter of the prior year (“base customers”). We begin by annualizing the subscription and support revenue recorded in the same calendar quarter of the prior year for those base customers who are still active at the end of the current quarter. We divide the result by the annualized subscription and support revenue in the same quarter of the prior year for all base customers.

Our subscription and support revenue retention rate was 94.9% as of September 30, 2020, up slightly from the rate as of September 30, 2019. We believe that our success in maintaining a high rate of revenue retention is attributable primarily to our robust technology platform and strong customer service. Customers being acquired or otherwise ceasing to file SEC reports accounted for just under half of our revenue attrition in the latest quarter.

*Subscription and support revenue retention rate including add-ons.* Add-on revenue includes the change in both solutions and pricing for existing customers. We calculate our subscription and support revenue retention rate including add-ons by annualizing the subscription and support revenue recorded in the current quarter for our base customers that were active at the end of the current quarter. We divide the result by the annualized subscription and support revenue in the same quarter of the prior year for all base customers.

Our subscription and support revenue retention rate including add-ons was 110.0% as of the quarter ended September 30, 2020, down from 112.8% as of September 30, 2019. The decline reflects winding down conversion of customer contracts to solution-based licensing, as well as COVID-related impact on both price increases and solution churn.

*Annual contract value.* Our annual contract value for each customer is calculated by annualizing the subscription and support revenue recognized during each quarter. We believe the increase in the number of larger contracts shows our progress in expanding our customers’ adoption of our platform.

## **Components of Results of Operations**

### ***Revenue***

We generate revenue through the sale of subscriptions to our cloud-based software and the delivery of professional services. We serve a wide range of customers in many industries, and our revenue is not concentrated with any single customer or small group of customers. For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, no single customer represented more than 1% of our revenue, and our largest 10 customers accounted for less than 6% of our revenue in the aggregate.

We generate sales directly through our sales force and partners. We also identify some sales opportunities with existing customers through our customer success and professional services teams.

Our customer contracts typically range in length from twelve to 36 months. We typically invoice our customers for subscription fees annually in advance. For contracts with a two or three year term, customers sometimes elect to pay the entire multi-year subscription term in advance. Our arrangements do not contain general rights of return.

*Subscription and Support Revenue.* We recognize subscription and support revenue on a ratable basis over the contract term beginning on the date that our service is made available to the customer. Amounts that are invoiced are initially recorded as deferred revenue.

*Professional Services Revenue.* We believe our professional services facilitate the sale of our subscription service to certain customers. To date, most of our professional services have consisted of document set up, XBRL tagging, and consulting to help our customers with business processes and best practices for using our platform. Our professional services are not required for customers to utilize our solution. We recognize revenue for document set ups when the service is complete and control has transferred to the customer. Revenues from XBRL tagging and consulting services are recognized as the services are performed.

### ***Cost of Revenue***

Cost of revenue consists primarily of personnel and related costs directly associated with our professional services, customer success teams and training personnel, including salaries, benefits, bonuses, and stock-based compensation; the costs of contracted third-party vendors; the costs of server usage by our customers; information technology costs; and facility costs. Costs of server usage are comprised primarily of fees paid to Amazon Web Services and Google Cloud Platform.

### ***Sales and Marketing Expenses***

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of personnel and related costs, including salaries, benefits, bonuses, commissions, travel, and stock-based compensation. Other costs included in this expense are marketing and promotional events, our annual user conference, online marketing, product marketing, information technology costs, and facility costs. We pay sales commissions for initial contracts and expansions of existing customer contracts. When the relevant amortization period is one year or less, we expense sales commissions as incurred. All other sales commissions are considered incremental costs of obtaining a contract with a customer and are deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over a period of benefit that we have determined to be three years.

### ***Research and Development Expenses***

Research and development expenses consist primarily of personnel and related costs, including salaries, benefits, bonuses, and stock-based compensation; costs of server usage by our developers; information technology costs; and facility costs.

***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of personnel and related costs for our executive, finance and accounting, legal, human resources, and administrative personnel, including salaries, benefits, bonuses, and stock-based compensation; legal, accounting, and other professional service fees; other corporate expenses; information technology costs; and facility costs.

## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth selected consolidated statement of operations data for each of the periods indicated:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
(in thousands)				
Revenue				
Subscription and support	\$ 75,850	\$ 63,022	\$ 214,907	\$ 179,617
Professional services	12,249	11,157	42,853	38,009
Total revenue	88,099	74,179	257,760	217,626
Cost of revenue				
Subscription and support <sup>(1)</sup>	12,013	10,924	36,264	30,935
Professional services <sup>(1)</sup>	9,873	10,827	30,262	31,029
Total cost of revenue	21,886	21,751	66,526	61,964
Gross profit	66,213	52,428	191,234	155,662
Operating expenses				
Research and development <sup>(1)</sup>	23,956	22,899	70,458	66,705
Sales and marketing <sup>(1)</sup>	35,487	32,990	106,874	86,568
General and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	13,722	12,017	46,802	33,626
Total operating expenses	73,165	67,906	224,134	186,899
Loss from operations	(6,952)	(15,478)	(32,900)	(31,237)
Interest income	471	1,460	2,832	2,593
Interest expense	(3,572)	(1,959)	(10,689)	(2,832)
Other (expense) and income, net	(387)	24	263	(259)
Loss before provision for income taxes	(10,440)	(15,953)	(40,494)	(31,735)
Provision for income taxes	67	98	351	101
Net loss	\$ (10,507)	\$ (16,051)	\$ (40,845)	\$ (31,836)

(1) Stock-based compensation expense included in these line items was as follows:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
(in thousands)				
Cost of revenue				
Subscription and support	\$ 426	\$ 386	\$ 1,293	\$ 1,142
Professional services	272	456	1,062	1,296
Operating expenses				
Research and development	2,167	2,265	5,790	6,016
Sales and marketing	2,687	2,203	8,367	6,199
General and administrative	5,049	3,913	18,919	11,276
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 10,601	\$ 9,223	\$ 35,431	\$ 25,929

The following table sets forth our consolidated statement of operations data as a percentage of revenue for each of the periods indicated:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Revenue				
Subscription and support	86.1 %	85.0 %	83.4 %	82.5 %
Professional services	13.9	15.0	16.6	17.5
Total revenue	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of revenue				
Subscription and support	13.6	14.7	14.1	14.2
Professional services	11.2	14.6	11.7	14.3
Total cost of revenue	24.8	29.3	25.8	28.5
Gross profit	75.2	70.7	74.2	71.5
Operating expenses				
Research and development	27.2	30.9	27.3	30.7
Sales and marketing	40.3	44.5	41.5	39.8
General and administrative	15.6	16.2	18.2	15.5
Total operating expenses	83.1	91.6	87.0	86.0
Loss from operations	(7.9)	(20.9)	(12.8)	(14.5)
Interest income	0.5	2.0	1.1	1.2
Interest expense	(4.1)	(2.6)	(4.1)	(1.3)
Other expense, net	(0.4)	—	0.1	(0.1)
Loss before provision for income taxes	(11.9)	(21.5)	(15.7)	(14.7)
Provision for income taxes	0.1	0.1	0.1	—
Net loss	(12.0)%	(21.6)%	(15.8)%	(14.7)%

### *Comparison of Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020 and 2019*

#### *Revenue*

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	2020	2019	% Change	2020	2019	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)					
Revenue						
Subscription and support	\$ 75,850	\$ 63,022	20.4%	\$ 214,907	\$ 179,617	19.6%
Professional services	12,249	11,157	9.8%	42,853	38,009	12.7%
Total revenue	\$ 88,099	\$ 74,179	18.8%	\$ 257,760	\$ 217,626	18.4%

Total revenue increased \$13.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same quarter a year ago due primarily to a \$12.8 million increase in subscription and support revenue. Growth in subscription and support revenue in the third quarter was attributable mainly to strong demand and better pricing for a broad range of use cases, including SEC reporting, global statutory reporting, risk and controls, and financial and managerial reporting. Revenue from professional services increased \$1.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same quarter a year ago due primarily to additional setup and consulting revenue. The total number of our customers expanded 3.7% from September 30, 2019 to September 30, 2020.



Total revenue increased \$40.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period a year ago due primarily to a \$35.3 million increase in subscription and support revenue. Growth in subscription and support revenue in the third quarter was attributable mainly to strong demand and better pricing for a broad range of use cases, including SEC reporting, global statutory reporting, risk and controls, and financial and managerial reporting. Additionally, professional services revenue increased \$4.8 million due to additional setup and consulting revenue, and typical organic growth in XBRL professional services, which offset a year-over-year decline in revenue from a one-time migration in 2019 to inline XBRL.

### Cost of Revenue

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	2020	2019	% Change	2020	2019	% Change
(dollars in thousands)						
Cost of revenue						
Subscription and support	\$ 12,013	\$ 10,924	10.0%	\$ 36,264	\$ 30,935	17.2%
Professional services	9,873	10,827	(8.8)%	30,262	31,029	(2.5)%
Total cost of revenue	\$ 21,886	\$ 21,751	0.6%	\$ 66,526	\$ 61,964	7.4%

Cost of revenue remained relatively flat in the three months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same quarter a year ago. Subscription and support cost of revenue increased \$1.1 million due primarily to \$1.2 million in higher cash-based compensation and benefits due to increased headcount resulting from our continued investment in and support of our new platform and solutions. Conversely, professional services cost of revenue decreased \$1.0 million due primarily to a reduction in travel and office expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cost of revenue increased \$4.6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period a year ago. Subscription and support cost of revenue increased \$5.3 million due primarily to \$5.2 million in higher compensation and benefits due to increased headcount partially offset by a \$0.8 million reduction in travel expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The increase in headcount resulted from our continued investment in and support of our new platform and solutions. Professional services cost of revenue decreased \$0.8 million due primarily to a \$1.2 million reduction in travel expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic partially offset by \$1.0 million in higher cash-based compensation and benefits.

### Operating Expenses

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	2020	2019	% Change	2020	2019	% Change
(dollars in thousands)						
Operating expenses						
Research and development	\$ 23,956	\$ 22,899	4.6%	\$ 70,458	\$ 66,705	5.6%
Sales and marketing	35,487	32,990	7.6%	106,874	86,568	23.5%
General and administrative	13,722	12,017	14.2%	46,802	33,626	39.2%
Total operating expenses	\$ 73,165	\$ 67,906	7.7%	\$ 224,134	\$ 186,899	19.9%

### *Research and Development*

Research and development expenses increased \$1.1 million in the three months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same quarter a year ago due primarily to \$1.4 million in higher cash-based compensation and benefits, as well as an increase in the cost of software and cloud infrastructure services of \$0.6 million. These increases were partially offset by \$0.7 million reduction in travel costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The increases in compensation, software and cloud infrastructure services were the result of our continued investment in and support of our platform and solutions.

Research and development expenses increased \$3.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period a year ago due primarily to higher cash-based compensation and benefits of \$4.6 million and a \$1.6 million increase in the cost of software and cloud infrastructure services. The increases were partially offset by a \$1.7 million reduction in travel costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a \$0.4 million decrease in professional service fees related to recruiting and consulting. The increases in compensation, software and cloud infrastructure services were the result of our continued investment in and support of our platform and solutions.

### *Sales and Marketing*

Sales and marketing expenses increased \$2.5 million during the three months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2019 due primarily to \$6.8 million in higher cash-based compensation, benefits, and an additional \$0.5 million in stock-based compensation. These increases were partially offset by a \$2.5 million reduction in travel costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a \$2.9 million reduction in marketing expense due to transitioning our annual user conference to a virtual event. Headcount in sales and marketing increased 19.4% in the quarter ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same quarter a year ago. We expect to continue to invest in sales and marketing to help drive revenue growth.

Sales and marketing expenses increased \$20.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period a year ago due primarily to \$23.6 million higher cash-based compensation and benefits, an additional \$2.2 million in stock-based compensation, \$0.8 million in professional services and \$0.9 million in software expense. These increases were partially offset by \$4.5 million in savings gained from reduced travel by our sales and marketing employees due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a \$2.9 million reduction in marketing expense due to transitioning our annual user conference to a virtual event. The increases in compensation were due to increased headcount. The increases in professional service fees and software expense supported our continued investment in expanding our international sales force.

### *General and Administrative*

General and administrative expenses increased \$1.7 million during the three months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2019 due primarily to \$1.8 million in higher cash-based compensation and benefits and \$0.9 million in additional stock-based compensation. These increases were partially offset by a \$0.4 million reduction in travel costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a \$0.4 million reduction in consulting and recruiting services. In the third quarter of 2020, we recorded an additional \$0.3 million and \$0.6 million of cash-based and stock-based compensation, respectively, from certain severance arrangements. The remaining increase in personnel-related costs was driven primarily by a rise in headcount. Headcount in general and administrative increased 18.9% compared to the same quarter a year ago.

General and administrative expenses increased \$13.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period a year ago. This increase was due primarily to \$5.2 million in higher cash-based compensation and benefits, an additional \$7.3 million in stock-based compensation as well as \$0.8 million in cancellation fees paid for events that were cancelled due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. These increases were partially offset by an \$0.8 million decrease in travel costs. In the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we recorded an additional \$1.5 million and \$5.5 million of cash-based and equity-based compensation, respectively, pursuant to certain separation agreements with former executives and managers. The remaining increase in personnel-related costs was driven primarily by an increase in employee headcount.

### ***Non-Operating Income (Expenses)***

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	2020	2019	% Change	2020	2019	% Change
(dollars in thousands)						
Interest income	\$ 471	\$ 1,460	(67.7)%	\$ 2,832	\$ 2,593	9.2%
Interest expense	(3,572)	(1,959)	82.3%	(10,689)	(2,832)	277.4%
Other (expense) and income, net	(387)	24	*	263	(259)	*

(\*) Percentage is not meaningful.

#### *Interest Income, Interest Expense and Other (Expense) and Income, Net*

During the three months ended September 30, 2020, interest expense increased \$1.6 million compared to the same time period in the prior year due to additional interest incurred on our senior convertible notes. Interest income decreased \$1.0 million during the three months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period a year ago due primarily to lower interest rates on investments. Other expense increased \$0.4 million compared to the same period a year ago due primarily to losses on foreign currency transactions.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, interest income remained relatively flat compared to the same period in the prior year. However, interest expense increased \$7.9 million during the same time period due to the interest incurred on our senior convertible notes. Other expense decreased \$0.5 million compared to the same period a year ago due primarily to gains on foreign currency transactions.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
(in thousands)				
Cash flow provided by operating activities	\$ 7,799	\$ 4,697	\$ 19,661	\$ 28,579
Cash flow provided by (used in) investing activities	7,839	(54,465)	6,475	(79,150)
Cash flow provided by financing activities	8,027	344,306	18,386	362,023
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents, net of impact of exchange rates	\$ 24,011	\$ 294,411	\$ 44,390	\$ 311,540

As of September 30, 2020, our principal sources of liquidity were cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities totaling \$523.9 million, which were held for working capital purposes. We have financed our operations primarily through the proceeds of offerings of equity, convertible debt, and cash from operating activities. We have generated significant operating losses and negative cash flows from operating activities as reflected in our accumulated deficit and consolidated statements of cash flows. While we expect to continue to incur operating losses and may incur negative cash flows from operations in the future, we believe that current cash and cash equivalents and cash flows from operating activities will be sufficient to fund our operations for at least the next twelve months.

In August 2019, we issued \$345.0 million aggregate principal amount of 1.125% convertible senior notes due 2026 (the “Notes”). The Notes are senior, unsecured obligations and bear interest at a fixed rate of 1.125% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing on February 15, 2020. Proceeds from the issuance of the Notes totaled \$335.9 million, net of initial purchaser discounts and issuance costs.

### ***Operating Activities***

For the three months ended September 30, 2020, cash provided by operating activities was \$7.8 million. The primary factors affecting our operating cash flows during the period were our net loss of \$10.5 million, adjusted for non-cash charges of \$1.2 million for depreciation and amortization of our property and equipment and intangible assets, \$10.6 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$2.2 million for the amortization of our debt discount and issuance costs and a \$4.7 million net change in operating assets and liabilities. The primary drivers of the changes in operating assets and liabilities were a \$6.8 million increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities and a \$16.2 million increase in deferred revenue partially offset by a \$13.3 million increase in accounts receivable and a \$4.8 million increase in deferred commissions. Customer growth and contract renewals for longer terms accounted for most of the increase in deferred revenue. Deferred commissions increased due primarily to payments made to our sales force related to the direct and incremental costs of obtaining a customer contract. Increases in accrued expenses and other liabilities as well as the increase in accounts receivable, were attributable primarily to the timing of our billings, cash collections, and cash payments.

For the three months ended September 30, 2019, cash provided by operating activities was \$4.7 million. The primary factors affecting our operating cash flows during the period were our net loss of \$16.1 million, adjusted for non-cash charges of \$1.1 million for depreciation and amortization of our property and equipment and intangible assets, \$9.2 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$1.1 million for the amortization of our debt discount and issuance costs and a \$9.5 million net change in operating assets and liabilities. The primary drivers of the changes in operating assets and liabilities were a \$3.6 million decrease in accounts receivable, a \$3.8 million increase in deferred revenue, and a \$5.4 million increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities partially offset by a \$2.1 million increase in deferred commissions and a \$0.9 million increase in other assets. Customer growth and contract renewals for longer terms accounted for most of the increase in deferred revenue. We offer limited incentives for customers to enter into contract terms for more than one year. Deferred commissions increased due primarily to payments made to our sales force related to the direct and incremental costs of obtaining a customer contract. The decrease in accounts receivable and the increase in other assets were attributable primarily to the timing of our billings, cash collections, and cash payments. The increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities were attributable primarily to the timing of our payment of annual bonuses.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2020, cash provided by operating activities was \$19.7 million. The primary factors affecting our operating cash flows during the period were our net loss of \$40.8 million, adjusted for non-cash charges of \$3.4 million for depreciation and amortization of our property and equipment and intangible assets, \$35.4 million of stock-based compensation expense,

\$6.6 million for the amortization of our debt discount and issuance costs and a \$14.9 million net change in operating assets and liabilities. The primary drivers of the changes in operating assets and liabilities were a \$12.5 million increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities, an \$11.3 million increase in deferred revenue, and a \$4.8 million decrease in accounts receivable partially offset by a \$3.3 million decrease in accounts payable, a \$3.1 million increase in prepaid expenses and a \$6.4 million increase in deferred commissions. Deferred commissions increased due to payments made to our sales force related to the direct and incremental costs of obtaining a customer contract. Decreases in accounts receivable and accounts payable and the increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities were attributable primarily to the timing of our billings, cash collections, and cash payments. The increase in prepaid expenses was due primarily to timing of payments relating to annual contracts.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2019, cash provided by operating activities was \$28.6 million. The primary factors affecting our operating cash flows during the period were our net loss of \$31.8 million, adjusted for non-cash charges of \$2.9 million for depreciation and amortization of our property and equipment and intangible assets, \$25.9 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$1.1 million for amortization of our debt discount and issuance costs and a \$30.7 million net change in operating assets and liabilities. The primary drivers of the changes in operating assets and liabilities were a \$14.1 million increase in deferred revenue, a \$9.8 million increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities, a \$21.5 million decrease in accounts receivable and a \$1.8 million decrease in our operating right-of-use asset partially offset by a \$8.0 million increase in deferred commissions, a \$3.7 million increase in prepaid expenses and other, a \$2.3 million increase in other assets and a \$2.2 million decrease in our operating lease liability. Customer growth and contract renewals for longer terms accounted for most of the increase in deferred revenue. The increase in deferred commissions was primarily due to payments made to our sales force related to the direct and incremental costs of obtaining a customer contract. The increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities and decrease in accounts receivable were primarily attributable to the timing of our billings, cash collections, and cash payments. The increases in other assets and prepaid expenses was attributable primarily to timing of payments relating to cloud infrastructure services and our annual user conference.

#### ***Investing Activities***

Cash provided by investing activities of \$7.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020 was due primarily to \$8.0 million in purchases of marketable securities offset by \$16.3 million from maturities of marketable securities.

Cash used in investing activities of \$54.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2019 was due primarily to \$54.7 million in purchases of marketable securities partially offset by \$1.5 million from maturities of marketable securities.

Cash provided by investing activities of \$6.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 was due primarily to \$45.3 million in purchases of marketable securities and \$1.8 million of capital expenditures offset by \$42.3 million from maturities of marketable securities as well as 11.4 million from the sale of marketable securities. Our capital expenditures were associated primarily with computer equipment in support of expanding our infrastructure and workforce.

Cash used in investing activities of \$79.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was due primarily to \$95.5 million in purchases of marketable securities, \$2.9 million in capital expenditures and \$0.7 million in purchases of intangible assets partially offset by proceeds of \$20.4 million from maturities of marketable securities. Our capital expenditures were associated primarily with computer and technology purchases in support of expanding our workforce.

### ***Financing Activities***

Cash provided by financing activities of \$8.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020 was due primarily to \$4.8 million in proceeds from option exercises as well as \$3.6 million in proceeds from shares issued in connection with our employee stock purchase plan.

Cash provided by financing activities of \$344.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2019 was due primarily to \$335.9 million in proceeds from the issuance of our senior convertible notes, \$5.9 million in proceeds from option exercises and \$2.8 million in proceeds from shares issued in connection with our employee stock purchase plan.

Cash provided by financing activities of \$18.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 was due primarily to \$14.3 million in proceeds from option exercises and \$7.2 million in proceeds from shares issued in connection with our employee stock purchase plan partially offset by \$2.1 million in taxes paid related to net share settlements of stock-based compensation awards and 1.0 million in payments on financing obligations.

Cash provided by financing activities of \$362.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was due primarily to \$335.9 million in proceeds from the issuance of our senior convertible notes, \$22.5 million in proceeds from option exercises and \$4.9 million in proceeds from shares issued in connection with our employee stock purchase plan partially offset by \$0.9 million in payments on financing obligations.

### **Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

There were no material changes in our contractual obligations and commitments from those disclosed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 filed with the SEC on February 20, 2020.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

During all periods presented, we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As a result, we are not exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in those types of relationships.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. U.S. GAAP. The preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, costs and expenses, income taxes and related disclosures. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates and assumptions. Our actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, there were no significant changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates as described in the financial statements contained in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 filed with the SEC on February 20, 2020.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

For quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk, see “Item 7A., Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019. Our exposures to market risk have not changed materially since December 31, 2019.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, our management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Our disclosure controls and procedures are intended to provide assurance at a reasonable level that the information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. In addition, the design of disclosure controls and procedures must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and that management is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the benefits of possible controls and procedures relative to their costs.

Based on management’s evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to, and are effective to, provide assurance at a reasonable level that the information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

#### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of any changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during our most recently completed fiscal quarter. Based on that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that there has not been any material change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter covered by this report that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.



## Part II. Other Information

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time we may become involved in legal proceedings or be subject to claims arising in the ordinary course of our business. We are not presently a party to any legal proceedings that in the opinion of our management, if determined adversely to us, would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results or cash flows. Regardless of the outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources and other factors.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. Other than the items noted below, there have been no material changes during fiscal 2020 to the risk factors that were included in the Form 10-K.

***The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our business, and its ultimate impact on our business and financial results will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including the scope and duration of the pandemic and actions taken by governmental authorities in response to the pandemic.***

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the global economy, disrupted global supply chains and created significant volatility and disruption in financial markets, and increased unemployment levels. While it remains a developing situation, the pandemic and any quarantines, interruptions in travel and business disruptions with respect to us, our customers or partners have had and will continue to have an impact on our business. Although we are continuing to monitor and assess the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ultimate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business remains highly uncertain and will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, impact on our customers and our sales cycles, and effect on our vendors, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted.

As a result of the work and travel restrictions related to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, substantially all of our sales activities are being conducted remotely. While the COVID-19 outbreak had a negative impact on our sales activities in the first half of the year, bookings recovered in the third quarter and we continue to enter into contracts with new and existing customers. We believe that the COVID-19 outbreak could still have a negative impact on our sales activities. It is difficult to quantify the extent of any negative impact on our ability to attract, retain or upsell customers. Existing and potential customers may choose to reduce or delay technology spending in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, or attempt to renegotiate contracts and obtain concessions, which may materially and negatively impact our operating results and financial condition. Because our platform is offered as a subscription-based service, the effect of the outbreak may not be fully reflected in our operating results until future periods, if at all.

Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic and measures taken to reduce its spread may affect other aspects of our business, including:

- an economic downturn generally, and a decrease in short- or long-term demand for our software specifically, as a result of widespread business shutdowns or slowdowns;
- more difficult and more expensive travel for our employees, partners and customers, ultimately affecting the sales of our software and services;



- deterioration of financial markets leading to negative impacts on our investment portfolio;
- increased volatility in our industry due to heightened uncertainty;
- the increase in business failures among businesses that we serve;
- our customers' ability to pay for our products and services;
- our ability to attract, retain or upsell customers, including as a result of our employees working remotely and/or closures of offices and facilities; and
- delays in the adoption of new regulations and policy mandates or changes to existing regulations and policy mandates, such as any potential delays in the ESEF Inline XBRL mandate.

***Our quarterly results may fluctuate significantly and may not fully reflect the underlying performance of our business.***

Our quarterly results of operations, including the levels of our revenue, gross margin, profitability, cash flow and deferred revenue, may vary significantly in the future, and period-to-period comparisons of our operating results may not be meaningful. Accordingly, the results of any one quarter should not be relied upon as an indication of future performance. Our quarterly financial results may fluctuate as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control, and therefore, may not fully reflect the underlying performance of our business. Fluctuations in quarterly results may negatively impact the value of our Class A common stock. Factors that may cause fluctuations in our quarterly financial results include, without limitation, those listed below:

- our ability to attract new customers in multiple regions around the world;
- the addition or loss of large customers, including through acquisitions or consolidations;
- the timing of recognition of revenue;
- the amount and timing of operating expenses related to the maintenance and expansion of our business, operations and infrastructure;
- network outages, security breaches, technical difficulties or interruptions with our services;
- general economic, industry and market conditions, both domestically and internationally, including any economic downturns and adverse impacts resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;
- customer renewal rates;
- pricing changes upon any renewals of customer agreements;
- the pace of transition of customers from seat-based licensing to solution-based licensing;
- changes in our pricing policies or those of our competitors;
- the mix of solutions sold during a period;
- seasonal variations in sales of our solutions;
- seasonal variations in the delivery of our services;
- the timing and success of new product and service introductions by us or our competitors or any other change in the competitive dynamics of our industry, including consolidation among competitors, customers or strategic partners;
- the announcement or adoption of new regulations and policy mandates or changes to existing regulations and policy mandates;

- changes in foreign currency exchange rates;
- future accounting pronouncements or changes in our accounting policies;
- the timing of expenses related to the development or acquisition of technologies or businesses and potential future charges for impairment of goodwill from acquired companies; and
- unforeseen litigation and intellectual property infringement.

***Any failure or interruptions in the internet infrastructure, bandwidth providers, data center providers, other third parties or our own systems for providing our solutions to customers could negatively impact our business.***

Our ability to deliver our solutions is dependent on the development and maintenance of the internet and other telecommunications services by third parties. Such services include maintenance of a reliable network backbone with the necessary speed, data capacity and security for providing reliable internet access and services and reliable telecommunications systems that connect our operations. While our solutions are designed to operate without interruption, we may experience interruptions and delays in services and availability from time to time. For example, the rapid spread of COVID-19 globally in early 2020 has resulted in travel restrictions and in some cases, prohibitions of non-essential travel, disruption and shutdown of third party providers' businesses. We rely on systems as well as third-party vendors, including data center, bandwidth, and telecommunications equipment providers, to provide our solutions. We do not maintain redundant systems or facilities for some of these services. In the event of a catastrophic event with respect to one or more of these systems or facilities, we may experience an extended period of system unavailability, which could negatively impact our relationship with our customers.

***Because our platform is offered on a subscription basis, we are required to recognize revenue for it over the term of the subscription. As a result, downturns or upturns in sales may not be immediately reflected in our operating results.***

We generally recognize subscription and support revenue from customers ratably over the terms of their subscription agreements, which are typically on a quarterly or annual cycle and automatically renew for additional periods. As a result, a substantial portion of the revenue we report in each quarter will be derived from the recognition of deferred revenue relating to subscription agreements entered into during previous quarters. Consequently, a decline in new or renewed subscriptions in any one quarter may not be immediately reflected in our revenue results for that quarter. Such a decline, however, would negatively affect our revenue in future quarters. Accordingly, the effect of any significant downturns in sales and market acceptance of our solutions and potential changes in our rate of renewals, including changes as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, may not be fully reflected in our results of operations until future periods. Our subscription model also makes it difficult for us to rapidly increase our subscription revenue through additional sales in any period, as revenue from new customers must be recognized over the applicable subscription term. In addition, we may be unable to adjust our cost structure to reflect the changes in revenue, which could adversely affect our operating results.

***We cannot accurately predict subscription renewal or upgrade rates and the impact these rates may have on our future revenue and operating results.***

Our business depends substantially on customers renewing their subscriptions with us and expanding their use of our services. Our customers have no obligation to renew their subscriptions for our services after the expiration of their initial subscription period. While we have historically maintained a subscription and support revenue retention rate of greater than 94%, we may be unable to maintain this historical rate and we may be unable to accurately predict our subscription and support revenue retention rate. In addition, our customers may renew for shorter contract lengths, lower prices or fewer users. We

cannot accurately predict new subscription or expansion rates and the impact these rates may have on our future revenue and operating results. Our renewal rates may decline or fluctuate as a result of a number of factors, including customer dissatisfaction with our service, customers' ability to continue their operations and spending levels and deteriorating general economic conditions. Furthermore, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may impact our customers' ability to renew their subscriptions for our service or pay us in accordance with their current subscriptions. If our customers do not renew their subscriptions for our service, purchase fewer solutions at the time of renewal, or negotiate a lower price upon renewal, our revenue will decline and our business will suffer. Our future success also depends in part on our ability to sell additional solutions and services, more subscriptions or enhanced editions of our services to our current customers, which may also require increasingly sophisticated and costly sales efforts that are targeted at senior management. If our efforts to sell additional solutions and services to our customers are not successful, our growth and operations may be impeded. In addition, any decline in our customer renewals or failure to convince our customers to broaden their use of our services would harm our future operating results.

***Adverse economic conditions or reduced technology spending may adversely impact our business.***

Our business depends on the overall demand for technology and on the economic health of our current and prospective customers. Global financial developments, downturns and global health crises or pandemics may harm us, including disruptions or restrictions on our employees' ability to work and travel. In general, weakened global economic conditions, including those from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, make it difficult for our customers, prospective customers and us to forecast and plan future business activities accurately. These conditions could cause our customers or prospective customers to reevaluate their decision to purchase our solutions. Weak global economic conditions or a reduction in technology spending even if conditions improve, could adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations in a number of ways, including longer sales cycles, lower prices for our solutions, reduced bookings and lower or no growth.

***Our sales cycle is unpredictable. As more of our sales efforts are targeted at larger enterprise customers, our sales cycle may become more time-consuming and expensive, and we may encounter pricing pressure, which could harm our business and operating results.***

The cost and length of our sales cycle varies by customer and is unpredictable. As we target more of our sales efforts at selling additional solutions to larger enterprise customers, we may face greater costs, longer sales cycles and less predictability in completing some of our sales. These types of sales often require us to provide greater levels of education regarding the use and benefits of our service. In addition, larger customers may demand more document setup services, training and other professional services. As a result of these factors, these sales opportunities may require us to devote greater sales support and professional services resources to individual customers, driving up costs and time required to complete sales and diverting sales and professional services resources to a smaller number of larger transactions. Furthermore, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many enterprises have limited travel and in person meetings and implemented other restrictions that could make the sales process more lengthy and difficult.

***Sales to customers outside the United States expose us to risks inherent in international sales.***

A key element of our growth strategy is to expand our international operations and develop a worldwide customer base. A growing portion of our revenue is from customers headquartered outside the United States. Operating in international markets requires significant resources and management attention and subjects us to regulatory, economic and political risks that are different from those in the United States. Because of our limited experience with international operations, our international expansion efforts may not be successful in creating additional demand for our solutions outside of the United States

or in effectively selling subscriptions to our solutions in all of the international markets we enter. In addition, we face risks in doing business internationally that could adversely affect our business, including:

- the need to localize and adapt our solutions for specific countries, including translation into foreign languages and associated expenses;
- increased management, travel, infrastructure, legal compliance and regulation costs associated with having multiple international operations;
- sales and customer service challenges associated with operating in different countries;
- data privacy laws that require customer data to be stored and processed in a designated territory;
- inadequate local infrastructure and difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations;
- different pricing environments, longer sales cycles and longer accounts receivable payment cycles and collections issues;
- new and different sources of competition;
- weaker protection for intellectual property and other legal rights than in the United States and practical difficulties in enforcing intellectual property and other rights outside of the United States;
- laws and business practices favoring local competitors;
- compliance challenges related to the complexity of multiple, conflicting and changing governmental laws and regulations, including employment, tax, privacy and data protection laws and regulations;
- increased financial accounting and reporting burdens and complexities;
- restrictions on the transfer of funds;
- an uncertain trade environment;
- adverse tax consequences;
- unstable regional and economic political conditions;
- changes in the public perception of governments in the regions where we operate or plan to operate;
- liquidity issues or political actions by sovereign nations, including nations with a controlled currency environment, which could result in decreased values of these balances or potential difficulties protecting our foreign assets or satisfying local obligations;
- delays resulting from difficulty in obtaining export licenses for certain technology, tariffs, quotas and other trade barriers;
- issues resulting from operations in locations with a higher incidence of corruption and fraudulent business practices; and
- natural disasters, acts of war, terrorism, security breaches, pandemics or other health crises, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently, some of our international contracts are denominated in local currencies; however, the majority of our local costs are denominated in local currencies. We anticipate that over time, an increasing portion of our international contracts may be denominated in local currencies. Therefore,

fluctuations in the value of the United States dollar and foreign currencies may impact our operating results when translated into United States dollars. We do not currently engage in currency hedging activities to limit the risk of exchange rate fluctuations.

Some of our third-party business partners have international operations and are also subject to these risks and if our third-party business partners are unable to appropriately manage these risks, our business may be harmed. If sales to any of our customers outside of the United States are reduced, delayed or canceled because of any of the above factors, our revenue may decline

## **Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Securities and Use of Proceeds**

### **Sales of Unregistered Securities**

Not applicable.

### **Use of Proceeds from Public Offerings of Common Stock**

There has been no material change in the planned use of proceeds from our initial public offering as described in our final prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act on December 12, 2014.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

The following exhibits are being filed herewith or incorporated by reference herein:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
31.1	<a href="#">Certification of the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
31.2	<a href="#">Certification of the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
32.1	<a href="#">Certification of the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
32.2	<a href="#">Certification of the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
101	The following financial information from Workiva Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 formatted in Inline XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) includes: (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders Equity (Deficit), (v) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (vi) Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on this 4th day of November, 2020.

### WORKIVA INC.

**By:** /s/ Martin J. Vanderploeg, Ph.D.  
**Name:** Martin J. Vanderploeg, Ph.D.  
**Title:** President and Chief Executive Officer

**By:** /s/ J. Stuart Miller  
**Name:** J. Stuart Miller  
**Title:** Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**By:** /s/ Jill Klindt  
**Name:** Jill Klindt  
**Title:** Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Accounting Officer

**CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 302 OF THE  
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Martin J. Vanderploeg, Ph.D., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Workiva Inc.;
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;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

November 4, 2020

/s/ Martin J. Vanderploeg, Ph.D.  
Martin J. Vanderploeg, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)



**CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 302 OF THE  
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, J. Stuart Miller, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Workiva Inc.;
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;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

November 4, 2020

/s/ J. Stuart Miller  
J. Stuart Miller  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 906 OF THE  
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Martin J. Vanderploeg, President and Chief Executive Officer of Workiva Inc. (the "Company"), do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

1. the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the period ended September 30, 2020 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company for the periods presented therein.

November 4, 2020

/s/ Martin J. Vanderploeg, Ph.D.  
Martin J. Vanderploeg, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 906 OF THE  
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, J. Stuart Miller, Chief Financial Officer of Workiva Inc. (the “Company”), do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

1. the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the period ended September 30, 2020 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company for the periods presented therein.

November 4, 2020

/s/ J. Stuart Miller  
J. Stuart Miller  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)