

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
PRIORITY TECHNOLOGY HOLDINGS, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

47-4257046
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2001 Westside Parkway Suite 155, Alpharetta, GA 30004
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Priority Technology Holdings, Inc. 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan
(Full title of the plan)

Bradley Miller
General Counsel, Chief Risk Officer and Corporate Secretary
Priority Technology Holdings, Inc.
2001 Westside Parkway
Suite 155
Alpharetta, GA 30004
(800) 935-5961
(Name and address of agent for service)
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:
James Stevens
Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP
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Suite 3000
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
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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 ☐
Non-accelerated filer ☒

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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act. []

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On April 1, 2022, Priority Technology Holdings, Inc. (the “Registrant”) filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-264064) (the “Prior Registration Statement”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) to register 20,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Common Stock”) reserved for future grants of awards under the Registrant’s 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan”). This Registration Statement registers 180,000 additional shares of Common Stock in connection with the amendment of the 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which was approved by the Registrant’s shareholders on May 25, 2022. Accordingly, and pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the contents of the Prior Registration Statement are incorporated by reference herein, including the periodic reports that the Registrant filed after the Prior Registration Statement to maintain current information about the Registrant.

PART II
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed with the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), are incorporated herein by reference, to the extent that such documents are considered filed with the Commission:

- (a) The Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the Commission on March 17, 2022 (File No. 001-37872);
- (b) The Registrant’s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2022, June 30, 2022, and September 30, 2022, filed with the Commission on May 11, 2022, August 9, 2022, and November 10, 2022;
- (c) The Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on May 27, 2022; and
- (d) The description of the Registrant’s common stock contained in the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-37872) filed with the Commission on September 12, 2016, as updated by Exhibit 4.5 to the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents, to the extent such documents are considered filed with the Commission.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein (or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein) modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

You may request copies of these documents, at no cost to you, by writing or telephoning us at the below address. Exhibits to the filings, however, will not be sent, unless those exhibits have specifically been incorporated by reference in this document:

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Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit	Description
4.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed July 31, 2018).
4.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.3 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 17, 2022).
4.3	Certificate of Designations of Senior Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 17, 2022).
4.4	Specimen Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed July 26, 2016).
4.5	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed July 31, 2018).
5.1*	Opinion of Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP
10.1	Priority Technology Holdings, Inc. 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 17, 2022).
23.1*	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Company
23.2*	Consent of RSM US LLP
24.1	Power of Attorney (contained on the signature page hereto)
107*	Filing Fee Table

* Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Alpharetta, State of Georgia, on December 20, 2022.

PRIORITY TECHNOLOGY HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Timothy M. O'Leary
Name: Timothy M. O'Leary
Title: Chief Financial Officer

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Timothy M. O'Leary and Bradley Miller or any of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, including post-effective amendments to this Registration Statement, registration statements filed pursuant to Rule 429 under the Securities Act, and any related registration statements necessary to register additional securities, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and to perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully and to all intents and purposes as he or she might or would do in person,

hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ Thomas C. Priore Thomas C. Priore	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman (Principal Executive Officer)	December 20, 2022
/s/ Timothy M. O’Leary Timothy M. O’Leary	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	December 20, 2022
/s/ Rajiv Kumar Rajiv Kumar	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	December 20, 2022
/s/ John Priore John Priore	Director	December 20, 2022
/s/ Michael Passilla Michael Passilla	Director	December 20, 2022
/s/ Marietta C. Davis Marietta C. Davis	Director	December 20, 2022
/s/ Christina M. Favilla Christina M. Favilla	Director	December 20, 2022
/s/ Stephen W. Hipp Stephen W. Hipp	Director	December 20, 2022
/s/ Marc Crisafulli Marc Crisafulli	Director	December 20, 2022

CALCULATION OF FILING FEE TABLES

FORM S-8
(Form Type)

Priority Technology Holdings, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered Securities

Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation Rule	Amount Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(2)	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2)	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
Equity	Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share	457(c) and 457(h)	180,000	\$5.70	1,026,000	0.0001102	\$113.07
Total Offering Amounts					1,026,000		\$113.07
Total Fee Offsets					—		—
Net Fee Due							\$113.07

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Common Stock”), of Priority Technology Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) that become issuable under the Priority Technology Holdings, Inc. 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “Plan”) by reason of any future stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction.

(2) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act. The price shown is based upon the average of the high and low prices reported for the common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market on December 19, 2022.

December 20, 2022

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Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as counsel to Priority Technology Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of its registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), relating to the registration of 180,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), which may be issued pursuant to the Priority Technology Holdings, Inc. 2021 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan"). This opinion letter is furnished to you at your request to enable you to fulfill the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K, 17 C.F.R. § 229.601(b)(5), in connection with the Registration Statement, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or related prospectus, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the issuance of the Shares.

For purposes of this opinion letter, we have examined copies of such agreements, instruments and documents as we have deemed an appropriate basis on which to render the opinions hereinafter expressed. In our examination of the aforesaid documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the accuracy and completeness of all documents submitted to us, the authenticity of all original documents, and the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies (including telecopies). As to all matters of fact, we have relied on the representations and statements of fact made in the documents so reviewed, and we have not independently established the facts so relied on. This opinion letter is given, and all statements herein are made, in the context of the foregoing.

As such counsel, we have examined such matters of fact and questions of law as we have considered appropriate for purposes of this letter. With your consent, we have relied upon certificates and other assurances of officers of the Company and others as to factual matters without having independently verified such factual matters.

This opinion letter is based as to matters of law solely on the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended. We express no opinion herein as to any other statutes, rules or regulations. Based upon, subject to and limited by the foregoing, we are of the opinion as of the date hereof, when the Shares shall have been duly registered on the books of the transfer agent and registrar therefor in the name or on behalf of the recipients, and have been issued by the Company for legal consideration in excess of par value in the circumstances contemplated by the Plan, assuming in each case that the individual issuances, grants or

awards under the Plan are duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and duly issued, granted or awarded and exercised in accordance with the requirements of law and the Plan (and the agreements duly adopted thereunder and in accordance therewith), the issue and sale of the Shares will have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company and the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid, and nonassessable.

This opinion letter has been prepared for use in connection with the Registration Statement. We assume no obligation to advise you of any changes in the foregoing subsequent to the effective date of the Registration Statement.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are an "expert" within the meaning of the Act.

TROUTMAN PEPPER HAMILTON SANDERS LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the 2021 Employees Stock Purchase Plan of Priority Technology Holdings, Inc. of our report dated March 17, 2022, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Priority Technology Holdings, Inc. included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
December 20, 2022

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Priority Technology Holdings, Inc. of our report dated March 30, 2020, except for the change in reportable segments described in Note 20 as to which the date is March 17, 2022, relating to the consolidated financial statements of Priority Technology Holdings, Inc., appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Priority Technology Holdings, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2021.

/s/ RSM US LLP

Atlanta, Georgia

December 20, 2022