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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Plush Gerald P</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 220 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE  (Street) CORAL GABLES FL 33134  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Amerant Bancorp Inc. [ AMTB ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>Chairman &amp; CEO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2023	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	02/16/2023		M		34,204	A	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	65,824.75	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/16/2023		F		13,460 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$28.93	52,364.75	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.0 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/16/2023		M			20,792	(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	20,792	\$0	20,793	D	
Restricted Stock Units LTI 2021	\$0.0 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/16/2023		M			8,508	(4)	(4)	Class A Common Stock	8,508	\$0	8,509	D	
Restricted Stock Units LTI 2022	\$0.0 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/16/2023		M			4,904	(5)	(5)	Class A Common Stock	4,904	\$0	9,810	D	
Restricted Stock Units LTI 2023	\$0.0 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/16/2023		A			18,665	(6)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	18,665	\$0	18,665	D	
Performance Based Restricted Stock Units LTI 2023	\$0.0 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/16/2023		A			27,999	(8)	(8)	Class A Common Stock	27,999	\$0	27,999	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Class A Common Stock.
- This number reflects an aggregate of 13,460 shares of Class A Common Stock that were surrendered in order to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of the restricted stock units.
- On February 16, 2021, Mr. Plush was awarded 62,377 restricted stock units in connection with a sign-on grant related to Mr. Plush's appointment as Vice-Chairman and CEO. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, following vesting, one share of Class A common stock. The award vests in substantially equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, provided that Mr. Plush remains in the continuous service of the Company or a subsidiary through each such date.
- On February 16, 2021, Mr. Plush was awarded 25,525 restricted stock units under the 2021-2023 Long Term Incentive Plan, a sub-plan of the 2018 Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, following vesting, one share of Class A common stock. The award vests in substantially equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, provided that Mr. Plush remains in the continuous service of the Company or a subsidiary through each such date.
- On February 16, 2022, Mr. Plush was awarded 14,714 restricted stock units under the 2022-2024 Long Term Incentive Plan, a sub-plan of the 2018 Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, following vesting, one share of Class A common stock. The award vests in substantially equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, provided that Mr. Plush remains in the continuous service of the Company or a subsidiary through each such date.
- On February 16, 2023, Mr. Plush was awarded 18,665 restricted stock units under the 2023-2025 Long Term Incentive Plan, a sub-plan of the 2018 Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, following vesting, one share of Class A common stock. The award vests in substantially equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, provided that Mr. Plush remains in the continuous service of the Company or a subsidiary through each such date.
- Each performance based restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Class A Common Stock.
- Performance based restricted stock units awarded to Mr. Plush under the 2023-2025 Long Term Incentive Plan, a sub-plan of the 2018 Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan. Each performance based restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, following vesting, one share of Class A common stock. The actual number of performance based restricted stock units earned shall be based on the achievement of the Relative Total Shareholder Return at a Threshold, Target or Maximum level set by the Compensation and Human Capital Committee for a 3-year period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2025, and in general can range from 50% of the performance based restricted stock units to 150% of the performance based restricted stock units. The number of performance based restricted stock units reported reflects the maximum number of performance based restricted stock units Mr. Plush may earn at the end of the performance period.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Julio V. Pena, as Attorney-in-Fact for Gerald P. Plush 02/21/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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