# **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

## **SCHEDULE 14A**

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### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT **SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | AMERANT BANCORP INC. (Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)                                                                                                                             |  |
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#### **Shareholder Meeting Notice**

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Amerant Bancorp Inc. Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on June 3, 2020.

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials (consisting of the Notice & Proxy Statement and the Annual Report) for the annual shareholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The 2020 proxy statement and the 2019 annual report to shareholders are available at:

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#### **Shareholder Meeting Notice**

Amerant Bancorp Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on June 3, 2020 at the Hotel Colonnade, 180 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR all the nominees listed and FOR Proposal 2:

- 1. To elect directors to serve until the 2021 annual meeting of shareholders:
  - 01 Frederick C. Copeland, Jr.
  - 02 Millar Wilson
  - 03 Miguel A. Capriles L.
  - 04 Rosa M. Costantino
  - 05 Pamella J. Dana
  - 06 Gustavo Marturet M.
  - 07 Gerald P. Plush
  - 08 John W. Quill
  - 09 Jose Antonio Villamil
  - 10 Guillermo Villar
  - 11 Gustavo J. Vollmer A
- To ratify the appointment of RSM US LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE – YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must go online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you.



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  your full name and address, plus the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse side, and state that you want a paper copy of
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