

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Rucker Ashaki</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AMERANT BANCORP INC.</u> <u>220 ALHAMBRA CR.</u> (Street) <u>CORAL GABLES FL</u> <u>33134</u> (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 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/07/2025</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities 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			
<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>05/08/2025</u>		<u>M</u>		<u>2,854</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>\$0⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>6,230</u>	<u>D</u>	

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	Amount or Number of Shares				
<u>Restricted Stock Units 2025</u>	<u>\$0⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>05/07/2025</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>3,761</u>		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>3,761</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>3,761</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>\$0⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>05/08/2025</u>		<u>M</u>		<u>2,854</u>		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>2,854</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") is the economic equivalent of one share of Class A Common Stock.
2. On May 7, 2025, the reporting person was granted 3,761 RSUs. Such RSU award will vest on the first anniversary of the date of the grant, provided that the reporting person remains in continuous service of the Company as a Director through the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company to be held in 2026. Each RSU represents a right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock upon vesting.
3. On May 8, 2024, the reporting person was granted 2,854 RSUs vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date.

Remarks:

/s/ Julio V. Pena, as Attorney-in-Fact for Ashaki Rucker 05/08/2025

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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