# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br>Capriles Alberto | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Amerant Bancorp Inc.</u> [ AMTB ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle<br>220 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE                | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/16/2021                          | X         Officer (give title<br>below)         Other (specify<br>below)           See Remarks  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>CORAL GABLES FL 33134<br>(City) (State) (Zip)    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>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<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code (Ir<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Ad<br>Disposed Of (D | equired (A) or<br>) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                   | Securities<br>Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
|                                 |  |   | Code                            | v | Amount                             | (A) or<br>(D)                           | Price             | (Instr. 3 and 4)                 |   | (Instr. 4)              |
| Class A Common Stock            | 02/16/2021                                 |   | Α                               |   | 7,019(1)                           | Α                                       | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 24,214                           | D   |                         |

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

|  |   |            |   |                                 |   | -  |     |                     |  |                            |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|------------|---|---------------------------------|---|--|-----|---------------------|--|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code (Ir<br>8) |   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D) (instr. 3, 4<br>and 5)<br>6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | ate                 | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |            |   | Code                            | v | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date   | Title                      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares                 |  | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4)   |  |  |
| Performance<br>Based Restricted<br>Stock Units   | \$0.0   | 02/16/2021 |   | A                               |   | 10,529   |     | (2)                 | (2)  | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 10,529  | \$0  | 10,529   | D  |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted stock unit award granted on February 16, 2021 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. Capriles remains in the continuous service of the Company or a subsidiary through each such date.

2. 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 Committee for a 3-year period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2023, 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 reflect the maximum number of performance based restricted stock units Mr. Capriles may earn at the end of the performance period.

#### Remarks:

Executive Vice-President and Chief Risk Officer

/s/ Julio V. Pena, as Attorney-in-02/18/2021 Fact for Alberto Capriles

\*\* 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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