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

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 26, 2020

Amerant Bancorp Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

FL
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-38534
(Commission
file number)
220 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(Address of principal executive offices)

65-0032379
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

(305) 460-8728
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| <u>Title of each class</u> | <u>Trading Symbols</u> | <u>Name of exchange on which registered</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Class A Common Stock | AMTB | NASDAQ |
| Class B Common Stock | AMTBB | NASDAQ |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities

On October 9, 2020, the Board of Directors of Amerant Bancorp Inc. (the “Company”), within the Company’s effort to streamline operations and better align its operating structure with its business activities, adopted a voluntary early retirement plan (the “Voluntary Plan”) for certain eligible long-term employees and an involuntary severance plan (the “Involuntary Plan”) for certain other positions. Subsequently, the Company informed the employees eligible for the Voluntary Plan and the employees impacted by the Involuntary Plan. Employees eligible for participation in the Voluntary Plan have 45 days to confirm their individual participation in the Voluntary Plan, at which time the Company will be able to determine the total number of employees electing to participate in the Voluntary Plan and the resulting costs and savings. The Involuntary Plan will affect approximately 37 persons by year end. The Company estimates that the Involuntary Plan will cost approximately \$1.9 million in one-time termination costs in the fourth quarter of 2020, with estimated annual savings of approximately \$5.8 million beginning in 2021.

Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including, without limitation, future financial and operating results and business costs, as well as statements with respect to our objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts.

Forward-looking statements, including those as to our beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, anticipations, estimates and intentions, involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, estimated costs and savings, number of involuntary terminations, savings and other factors, which may be beyond our control, and which may cause the actual results, performance, achievements, or financial condition of the Company to be materially different from future results, performance, achievements, or financial condition expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. You should not expect us to update any forward-looking statements.

All written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary notice, together with those risks and uncertainties described in “Risk factors” in our Form 10-K as of and for the annual period ended December 31, 2019, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q as of and for the quarterly periods ended March 31 and June 30, 2020, and in our other filings with the SEC, which are available at the SEC’s website www.sec.gov.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 26, 2020

Amerant Bancorp Inc.

By: /s/ Julio V. Pena

Name: Julio V. Pena

Title: Senior Vice President and Assistant
Corporate Secretary
