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## 2026 PROXY STATEMENT



### ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 • 11:30 AM • Virginia Beach Convention Center

Your vote is important. Please vote your shares soon!





April 10, 2026

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of TowneBank. It will be held on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**, at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

At the meeting, we will vote to elect 10 directors; ratify the appointment of Forvis Mazars, LLP as TowneBank's independent auditors for 2026; and approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, TowneBank's Named Executive Officer compensation.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to review the 2025 Chairman's Report that accompanies this Proxy Statement where we share our perspective on 2025 and highlight many of the successes we experienced during this past year.

We are excited to gather in person for our traditional meeting, which gives us the opportunity to see so many of you and to thank you personally for your loyalty.

Whether or not you plan to attend, please cast your vote over the Internet or by telephone, or you may complete, sign, date, and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible in the postage-paid envelope provided.

As always, we deeply appreciate and value your continuing support which keeps our hometown spirit of caring alive. Together we are *Serving Others and Enriching Lives*.

Sincerely,

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**G. Robert Aston, Jr.**  
Executive Chairman

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**William I. Foster III**  
President and Chief Executive Officer



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

**Date and Time**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
11:30 a.m., Eastern Time

**Location**

Virginia Beach Convention Center,  
1000 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Record Date**

March 26, 2026

1. To elect 10 directors;
2. To ratify the selection of Forvis Mazars, LLP, certified public accountants, as independent auditors of TowneBank for 2026;
3. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, TowneBank's Named Executive Officer compensation; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

A copy of TowneBank's Annual Report for fiscal year 2025 is included for your information.

The Board of Directors has fixed March 26, 2026, as the record date for determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting and any adjournments thereof.

### How to Vote

You may vote in any of the following ways.



BY INTERNET



BY PHONE



BY MAIL



IN PERSON

### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT



Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, we urge you to vote by submitting your proxy by telephone, the Internet or mail as promptly as possible to ensure the presence of a quorum for the meeting. For additional instructions on voting by telephone or the Internet, please refer to your proxy card. To vote and submit your proxy by mail, please complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. If you attend the meeting, you may, if you desire, revoke the proxy and vote in person during the meeting. If you hold your shares through an account with a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee, please follow the instructions you receive from them to vote your shares. You may access our proxy materials at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), which does not have "cookies" that identify visitors to the site.

By Order of the Board of Directors

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**Robyn S. Leavy**

*Secretary to the Board*

April 10, 2026

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# PROXY STATEMENT SUMMARY

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## Annual Meeting of Shareholders

**Date and Time:**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
11:30 a.m. Eastern Time

**Meeting Site:**

Virginia Beach Convention Center  
1000 19th Street  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Record Date and Voting:**

TowneBank shareholders as of the record date, March 26, 2026, are entitled to vote on the matters presented at the meeting. Each share of common stock of the Company is entitled to one vote for each director nominee and one vote on each other matter presented.

## Meeting Agenda and Voting Matters

| Proposal                                                                     | Board's Recommendation | Page references |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Election of 10 directors                                                  | ✓ <b>FOR</b>           | 2               |
| 2. Ratification of Forvis Mazars, LLP as our independent auditors for 2026   | ✓ <b>FOR</b>           | 49              |
| 3. Advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers | ✓ <b>FOR</b>           | 50              |

## DIRECTOR NOMINEES

| Name                                              | Director Since | Independent | Board Committees |              |            |                            |           |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|
|                                                   |                |             | Audit            | Compensation | Nominating | Enterprise Risk Management | Executive |
| DIRECTOR NOMINEES—CLASS I—TERM TO EXPIRE IN 2029  |                |             |                  |              |            |                            |           |
| Jeffrey F. Benson                                 | 2016           | ✓           |                  | ✓            | ✓          |                            | ✓         |
| Richard Cullen                                    | 2026           | ✓           |                  |              |            |                            |           |
| Douglas D. Ellis                                  | 2010           | ✓           |                  | ✓            | ✓          |                            | ✓         |
| William I. Foster III                             | 2005           |             |                  |              |            |                            | ✓         |
| Howard J. Jung                                    | 2018           | ✓           | ✓                |              |            | ✓                          |           |
| Stephanie J. Marioneaux                           | 2010           | ✓           |                  |              |            |                            |           |
| Thomas K. Norment, Jr.                            | 2009           | ✓           |                  |              |            | ✓                          |           |
| Alan S. Witt                                      | 2004           | ✓           | ✓                |              |            | ✓                          |           |
| DIRECTOR NOMINEES—CLASS II—TERM TO EXPIRE IN 2027 |                |             |                  |              |            |                            |           |
| Steven W. Jones                                   | 2026           |             |                  |              |            |                            |           |
| DIRECTOR NOMINEE—CLASS III—TERM TO EXPIRE IN 2028 |                |             |                  |              |            |                            |           |
| G. Robin Perkins, III                             | 2026           | ✓           |                  |              |            | ✓                          |           |

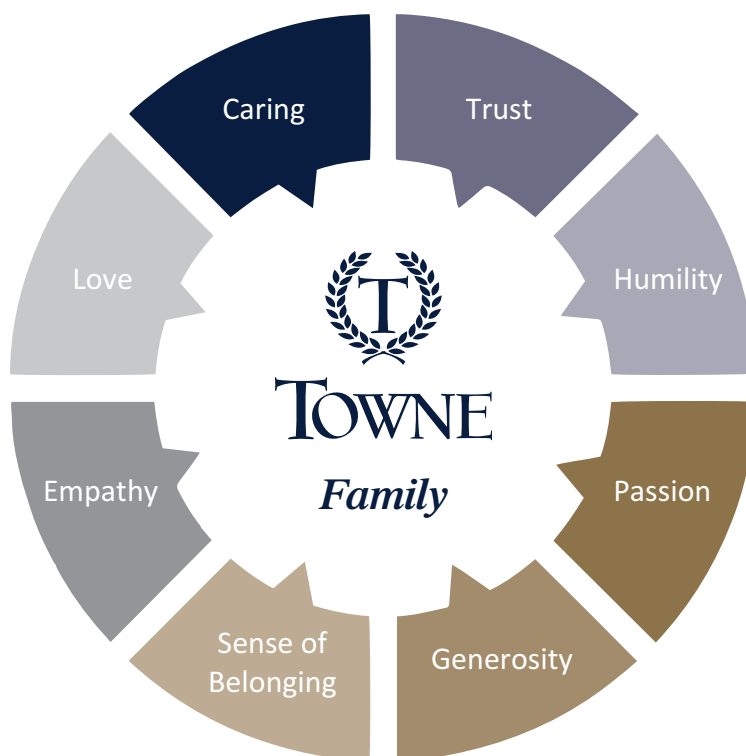


## ABOUT TOWNEBANK

TowneBank (Nasdaq: TOWN) was founded in 1999, based on the idea of personal relationships, excellent service, and having the most respected and experienced bankers in each market we serve. We offer a full range of banking and financial services through our controlled divisions and subsidiaries.

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Our Commitment</b>        | We value all employees and members by embracing their diverse talents, perspectives, and experiences, and by fostering inclusion that inspires innovation, encourages respect, and promotes success.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Our Mission Statement</b> | We will be a relationship and friendship driven local bank focused on basic human values that will serve to create a warm sense of belonging and financial well-being among our family members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Our Strategy</b>          | We will offer a competitive array of business and personal financial services, delivered with only the highest ethical standards. Our commitment to exquisite service for our members will lead to our ability to create a reasonable rate of return for our shareholders, a bright future for our dedicated bankers, and a leadership role for our bank in promoting the social, cultural, and economic well-being of our community. |
| <b>Community Commitment</b>  | We will strive to be a source of community pride by being a leader in community support activities through involvement of Towne family members, and the funding and fundraising activities of the TowneBank Foundation.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## THE TOWNEBANK CULTURE



## ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)

As a relationship-driven and community-focused company, we are committed to delivering on each of our guiding principles while balancing the interests of our shareholders, our communities, our customers (whom we call our members), and our employees. We believe our employees are one of our most important and valuable assets, and we strive to create a warm sense of belonging. We believe our strong culture strengthens our bond with the communities we serve.



### Community Engagement and Impact

- ▲ TowneBank seeks to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve.
- ▲ Committed to invest over \$53 million in Federal low-income housing tax credits, providing families with more than 500 affordable housing opportunities.
- ▲ Approximately \$17.30 million in charitable contributions supporting approximately 1,500 nonprofit organizations.



### Social Engagement and Impact

- ▲ “Going to Towne” program provides many opportunities for employees to give back through volunteering, board service, and donations.
- ▲ Over 12,700 self-reported volunteer hours at more than 485 different organizations.
- ▲ Employees personally donated over \$750,000 through the United Way Workplace Giving Campaign.



### Business Ethics Code of Conduct

- ▲ Executive Code of Ethics certified annually.
- ▲ Employee handbook includes the Company Code of Conduct and employees must certify receipt annually.
- ▲ Both the Code of Ethics and the Code of Conduct approved by the Board annually.



### Governance

- ▲ Enterprise Risk Management Committee led by independent director with oversight of ERM policies and standards.
- ▲ Retaliation-free whistleblower policy for employees with annual training.
- ▲ Conflict of Interest policy for directors and executive officers with Audit Committee oversight.



### Data Privacy and Cybersecurity

- ▲ Employees receive mandatory annual training in information security.
- ▲ Engage independent third parties to conduct internal and external penetration testing and risk assessments.
- ▲ Routinely conduct exercises to raise data security awareness.



### Human Capital Management

- ▲ Periodic employee engagement surveys are conducted on topics such as career satisfaction and member experience.
- ▲ Career development training programs readily available.
- ▲ Competitive compensation and employee benefits plans.



### Diversity and Inclusion

- ▲ Diversity & Inclusion Council chaired by Chief Executive Officer.
- ▲ College focused recruitment programs in place.
- ▲ Women represent approximately 66% of our workforce, and approximately 19% of our team members identify as minorities.



### Employee Well-Being

- ▲ Non-Discrimination and Harassment Policy updated annually.
- ▲ Networking circles exist to create safe spaces for colleagues to celebrate victories and embrace differences.
- ▲ Unconscious bias training occurs annually.

TOWNEBANK AT A GLANCE

Consistent Focus on Earnings and Growth

Earnings Growth

**21.9%**

CAGR FY00 - FY25

#1 Deposit Market Share in Hampton Roads<sup>1</sup>

Ranked on

**Forbes**

Best Banks List<sup>2</sup>

8 Years in a Row

| Total Assets |        | Total Loans |                               | Total Deposits                                |  |
|--------------|--------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--|
| \$19.7B      |        | \$13.3B     |                               | \$16.5B                                       |  |
| ROAA         | ROTCE  | NIM (FTE)   | NIB Deposits / Total Deposits | 10 Year Total Shareholder Return <sup>3</sup> |  |
| 0.92%        | 11.06% | 3.42%       | 31%                           | 112%                                          |  |

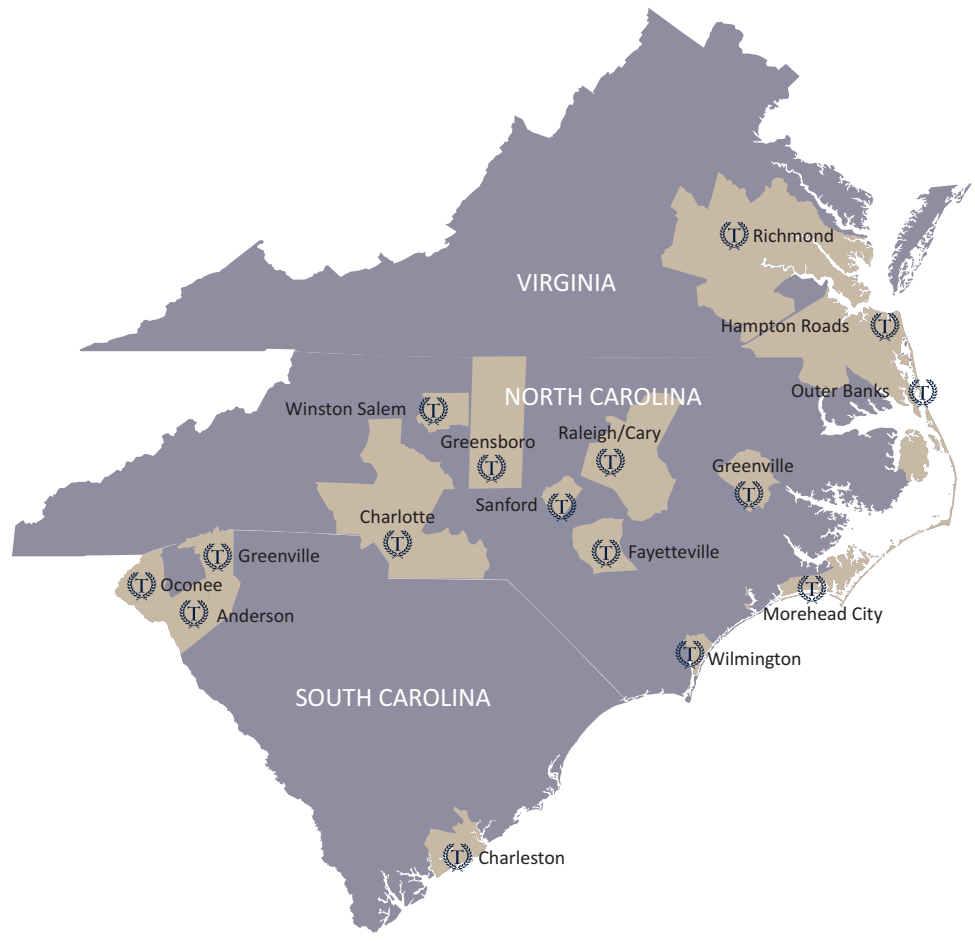
(1) Source: FDIC Summary of Deposits for the VA Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA MSA, data as of June 30, 2025

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(3) Total Return as of 12/31/2025; Source: S&P Global, data collected 01/19/2026

Note: Financial results for the year ended December 31, 2025

OUR BANK REACH



## GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS CONDUCT

Our Board of Directors (“Board”) works in partnership with our management team to serve all our stakeholders. Our directors, who live and work in the local communities we serve, represent a variety of skills, knowledge, experience, and perspectives. In particular, they have considerable community banking experience, which gives them valuable insight into the increasingly complex regulatory and operating environment that banking institutions must navigate. The Board is committed to overseeing our efforts to integrate ESG principles and practices throughout the organization.

### Governance highlights include:

#### BOARD STRUCTURE AND INDEPENDENCE

- Three classes of Directors (I, II, III) who stand for three-year terms, on a rotating basis
- Strong, independent Lead Director with explicit duties and responsibilities
- Long tenured Directors with diverse experience and qualifications
- Independent Audit, Compensation, and Nominating Committees of the Board
- Frequent meetings and engagement to provide oversight, strategic guidance, and monitoring

#### BOARD OVERSIGHT

- Oversees the Company’s annual budget, business plan, succession planning and corporate strategy
- Monitors the Company’s values, culture and “tone at the top”
- Key executive management talent reviewed on an annual basis
- Risk-aware culture overseen by a separate Enterprise Risk Committee comprised primarily of Directors
- Director access to experts and advisors, both internal and external

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

- Prohibition on hedging transactions by executive officers and directors
- Comprehensive Code of Conduct for members of the Board, including annual certification
- Clawback policy for executive management
- Annual risk assessment of executive compensation, policies, and practices
- Annual engagement of an independent Compensation Consultant to facilitate the executive officer compensation process
- Policy on public office and public company board service established
- Established share ownership requirements for executive management and directors
- Commitment to diversity and inclusion and workspace safety



# PROXY STATEMENT

## ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

### May 20, 2026

## GENERAL

We are providing these proxy materials in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of TowneBank for the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Annual Meeting”) to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. In this Proxy Statement, we refer to the Board of Directors as the “Board” and to TowneBank as “we,” “us,” or “the Company.” The approximate mailing date of this Proxy Statement and accompanying proxy is April 10, 2026.

## Voting Rights of Shareholders

Only shareholders of record of the Company’s common stock at the close of business on March 26, 2026, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof. As of the close of business on March 26, 2026, there were 92,366,411 shares of the Company’s common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. The Company has no other class of voting stock outstanding. Each share of common stock entitles the record holder thereof to one vote upon each matter to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

A majority of the votes entitled to be cast, represented by attendance at the meeting or by proxy, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Shares for which the holder has elected to abstain or to withhold the proxies’ authority to vote on a matter will count toward a quorum, but will not be included in determining the number of votes cast with respect to such matter. Shares held by brokers, banks or other nominees in street name (“broker shares”) that are voted on any matter are included in the quorum. Broker shares that are not voted on any matter will not be included in determining whether a quorum is present.

## Voting of Proxies

We encourage you to complete and return the proxy card accompanying this Proxy Statement, regardless of whether you plan to attend the Annual Meeting. For your convenience, a postage-paid return envelope is enclosed. You may also vote over the Internet at the website shown on your proxy card, or by telephone through the number shown on your proxy card. Proxies will extend to, and will be voted at, any adjourned session of the Annual Meeting.

## Revocation of Proxies

Execution of a proxy will not affect a shareholder’s right to attend the Annual Meeting and to vote in person during the meeting. Any shareholder who has executed and returned a proxy may revoke it by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person during the meeting. A shareholder may also revoke his or her proxy at any time before it is exercised by filing a written notice with the Company or by submitting a proxy bearing a later date.

## Solicitation of Proxies

The cost of solicitation of proxies will be paid by the Company. Solicitation is being made by mail and, if necessary, may be made in person, by telephone or other electronic communication or by special letter by officers and employees of the Company, acting without compensation other than regular compensation. The Company will also request brokerage firms, banks, nominees, custodians and fiduciaries to forward proxy materials to the beneficial owners of shares of common stock as of the record date and will reimburse such persons for the cost of forwarding the proxy materials in accordance with customary practice. The Company has engaged Georgeson LLC to assist the Company in the solicitation of proxies for the Annual Meeting for a fee of \$20,000, plus certain expenses.



# ELECTION OF DIRECTORS — PROPOSAL ONE

The Company's Board of Directors is divided into three classes (I, II and III), with staggered terms, and the term of office for the Class I directors will expire at the Annual Meeting. Each of the nominees in the election of directors currently serves as a director of the Company. If elected, the Class I nominees will serve until the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held in 2029, the Class II nominee will serve until the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held in 2027, and the Class III nominee will serve until the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held in 2028.

As a term of the acquisition of Dogwood State Bank ("Dogwood"), the Company agreed to appoint one of Dogwood's directors to the Board when the acquisition closed. G. Robin Perkins, III was thus appointed to the Board of Directors in January 2026.

The affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting is required for the election of directors. This means that the nominees receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes cast at the Annual Meeting will be elected. A properly returned proxy indicating "withhold" with respect to the election of one or more directors will not be voted with respect to the director or directors indicated. Broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast on the proposal and will have no effect on the election of directors.

Each of the nominees has indicated the willingness to serve if elected. If any nominee is unable or unwilling to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, then shares represented by properly executed proxies will be voted at the discretion of the persons named in those proxies for such other person as the Board may designate. We do not presently expect that any of the nominees will be unavailable.

Juan M. Montero, II and Robert C. Hatley are not standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting and will transition to emeritus status. Our Board is deeply grateful for the extraordinary contributions each of these Board members made to aid in the growth and success of the Company.



**The Board of Directors recommends the nominees, as set forth below, for election and that shareholders vote "FOR" these nominees.**

The following table provides the business experience for at least the past five years and other information with respect to each director and director nominee for election at the Annual Meeting, followed by a statement regarding the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led the Board to conclude that each director or director nominee should serve as a director of the Company. An asterisk (\*) notes that the director is an "independent director" as defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Marketplace Rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC ("Nasdaq").

## 2026 Class I (Director Nominees to Serve Until the 2029 Annual Meeting):

### Jeffrey F. Benson (64)\*

Director since 2016

Mr. Benson has served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of TowneBank since the merger of Monarch Financial Holdings, Inc. ("Monarch") with TowneBank in 2016. Mr. Benson has served as a partner of The Overton Group, Inc. (real estate development and management), Suffolk, Virginia, since 1985. He served as a director of Monarch until the merger with TowneBank in 2016.

Mr. Benson's companies are involved in the development and management of commercial real estate, residential development and construction, as well as office and industrial development. Mr. Benson is active in local youth activities. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of Liberty University. Mr. Benson's significant involvement in the residential and commercial real estate markets provides meaningful value and insight to the Board.

### Richard Cullen (78)\*

Director since 2026

Mr. Cullen has enjoyed a distinguished legal career with decades of experience in both public service and private practice. Most recently, he served as Counselor to Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin during his term in office from 2022 to 2026, and he has been a partner with Torridon Law PLLC, a law firm based in Washington, D.C., since February 2026. Mr. Cullen spent most of his career, from 1977 to 2022, in private practice with McGuireWoods, LLP, an international law firm based in Richmond, Virginia, and he served as the firm's chairman from 2006 to 2017. During that time, he took leave for public service assignments, including serving as Attorney General of Virginia from 1997 to 1998 and as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia from 1991 to 1993.

Mr. Cullen brings to the board of directors extensive experience in both the public and private sectors and proven leadership abilities, all of which make him a key contributor to our continued success.

### Douglas D. Ellis (81)\*

Director since 2010

Mr. Ellis has served as President of Ellis-Gibson Development Group (real estate development and property management), Virginia Beach, Virginia, since 1988.

Mr. Ellis has over 40 years of experience in commercial real estate, including over 25 years as founder and President of the Ellis-Gibson Development Group. He has also served on the boards of several civic and business organizations, including the Virginia Beach Development Authority. Mr. Ellis' extensive business, civic, and real estate experience in the local community, combined with his service as a TowneBank regional director, makes him a valuable asset to the Board.

### William I. Foster III (70)

Director since 2005

Mr. Foster became President and Chief Executive Officer of TowneBank on January 1, 2023. Mr. Foster served as President, Central Virginia and the Carolinas, from 2020 to 2022 and as President, Commercial and Real Estate Banking, from 2018 to 2020. He served as President of TowneBank Virginia Beach from 2011 to 2018 and as President of TowneBank Norfolk from 2005 to 2011.

Mr. Foster has over 30 years of experience in the banking industry, with a background in retail, commercial and industrial, and commercial real estate. Mr. Foster's extensive experience in banking and commercial real estate provides significant insight and expertise to our Board.

### Howard J. Jung (79)\*

Director since 2018

Mr. Jung joined TowneBank as a director in 2018 when Paragon was merged into TowneBank. He previously served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Paragon Bank since 1999, and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Paragon since 2001, until their merger with TowneBank. He has extensive prior experience as a corporate director, having served as a director of the Ace Hardware Corporation from 1987 to 1996 and as Chairman of the Board at Ace Hardware Corporation from 1998 to 2003. Mr. Jung also owned and served as Vice President of Ace Hardware Stores, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina, from 1997 to 2016.

Mr. Jung's extensive board and executive management experience, as well as his knowledge of our North Carolina markets, make him an important member of the Board.



**Stephanie J. Marioneaux (67)\*****Director since 2010**

Dr. Marioneaux has served as an ophthalmologist in Chesapeake, Virginia, since 1989.

Dr. Marioneaux has been active in numerous civic and professional organizations. Dr. Marioneaux was one of five recipients of the Benjamin F. Boyd Humanitarian Medal for Services to the Americas in 2011, presented by the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology, for her successful efforts to ship over \$500,000 of ophthalmology equipment to Haiti after the earthquake in 2011. Dr. Marioneaux provides our Board with a valuable combination of community service experience and banking industry expertise gained through her tenure as a member of the Board and the Company's Chesapeake Regional Board.

**Thomas K. Norment, Jr. (80)\*****Director since 2009**

Mr. Norment has served as a Commissioner of Accounts for the City of Williamsburg, Virginia, and James City County, Virginia, since 2009. He also served as a professor at the College of William & Mary from 2008 to 2020. In addition, he is "of counsel" to the law firm of Kaufman & Canoles, P. C., where he was formerly a partner. Mr. Norment represented the 3rd Senatorial District as a Virginia State Senator from 1992 to 2024.

Mr. Norment's experience as an elected public official provides insight into the workings of state government and the issues facing the citizens living and working in our Hampton Roads and Richmond markets.

**Alan S. Witt (70)\*****Director since 2004**

Mr. Witt served as Dean of the Luter School of Business at Christopher Newport University, Newport News, Virginia, from 2021 to 2025. Previously, Mr. Witt served as Chief Executive Officer of PBMares, LLP (accounting and business consulting firm), Newport News, Virginia, from its formation in 2013 until his retirement from the firm in 2020. He previously served as Chief Executive Officer of Witt Mares, PLC from 1989 until its merger with PBGH, LLP in 2013. He also served as a director of Harbor Bank from 1996 to 2004, when it was acquired by TowneBank.

Mr. Witt is a licensed CPA and has served numerous clients in various industries, giving him broad-based experience and expertise in financial operating and reporting matters. Mr. Witt provides an expertise in technical auditing and reporting matters related to financial institutions, which, combined with his experience as Chief Executive Officer of a large regional public accounting and business consulting firm, is a unique and valuable asset to the Board.

**2027 Class II (Director Nominee to Serve Until the 2027 Annual Meeting):****Steven W. Jones (57)****Director since 2026**

Mr. Jones has served as the President of the Carolinas since TowneBank acquired Dogwood in January 2026. Mr. Jones was a founder of Dogwood and had served as Chief Executive Officer of Dogwood since 2018 and on its Board of Directors since 2019. As part of an extensive banking career in North Carolina and South Carolina, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer of First National Bank's Carolinas market, Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer at Yadkin Bank ("Yadkin"), which merged into First National Bank in 2017, and President of VantageSouth Bank, which merged into Yadkin in 2014. Mr. Jones began his career with leadership roles at RBC Bank (USA) and with Wachovia Bank.

Through his over 30 years of experience, Mr. Jones is a well-known, highly experienced banking executive with experience building banking teams at institutions of various sizes, making him a valuable asset to the Board.



## 2028 Class III (Director Nominee to Serve Until the 2028 Annual Meeting):

### G. Robin Perkins, III (58)\*

Director since 2026

Mr. Perkins joined the Board in January 2026 following TowneBank's acquisition of Dogwood and he had served as a director of Dogwood since 2019. Since 2022, Mr. Perkins has been a principal in Dominion Realty Partners, a Raleigh, North Carolina-based developer of high-quality and environmentally sensitive commercial and residential properties. In 2023, he founded Spinners Capital LLC, a Sanford, North Carolina-based real estate developer of industrial, multi-family, self-storage properties and firm investing in medium sized companies. From its founding in 1996 until 2023, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Frontier Yarns, now Gildan, Inc., which grew into one of the largest producers of cotton and cotton blend yarns in the world. Mr. Perkins currently serves on the Board of Trustees for North Carolina State University.

Mr. Perkins has extensive operational and leadership experience in various commercial industries and understands the business needs and concerns of many of TowneBank's customers. He also brings to the Board significant experience in Board governance, with his service on the Executive, Audit, Compensation and Corporate Governance Committees and as Chair Risk Committees of Dogwood's Board, in addition to a number of other industry, professional and community associations.

## 2027 Class II (Continuing Directors to Serve Until the 2027 Annual Meeting):

### Andrew S. Fine (89)

Director since 1999

Mr. Fine serves as Co-Chair of The Runnymede Corporation (real estate development), Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Mr. Fine has an extensive legal, business, and banking background. He has over 50 years of experience serving as a bank director, including 20 years with TowneBank. Mr. Fine's business background and his expertise in banking and legal matters make him a valuable member of the Board.

### Frank E. Jenkins, Jr. (60)\*

Director since 2025

Mr. Jenkins joined the Board following the closing of the Company's acquisition of Village Bank and Trust Financial Corp. ("Village") and its wholly owned subsidiary Village Bank, where he served as a director from 2017 to 2025. He has been Managing Partner of Adams, Jenkins and Cheatham since 1998, one of the largest accounting firms in Virginia. Mr. Jenkins is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Virginia and North Carolina and is a member of the Virginia Young Presidents' Organization, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Community Associations Institute, and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. At Village, he served as Chair of the Audit Committee and on the Executive Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Board Risk Committee.

Mr. Jenkins's experience aligns well with the Company's strategy of working closely with individuals and businesses to solve problems and help businesses grow and prosper. He brings valuable business and accounting experience to the Board as a Certified Public Accountant, business owner and entrepreneur. Mr. Jenkins's substantial network of business and personal relationships will help the Company grow and achieve its strategic goals.

### John R. Lawson, II (74)\*

Director since 2004

Mr. Lawson serves as Executive Chairman of W.M. Jordan Company, Inc. (general construction contractor), Newport News, Virginia. Prior to assuming the Executive Chairman position in 2018, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the company. He was a director of Harbor Bank from 1996 to 2004, when it was acquired by TowneBank.

Mr. Lawson provides the valuable perspective gained from more than 48 years of leading a large, general construction firm as the Chief Executive Officer.



**Aubrey L. Layne, Jr. (69)\*****Director since 2023**

Mr. Layne has been the Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer for Sentara Healthcare (not-for-profit health care delivery system), Norfolk, Virginia, since 2021. Mr. Layne was Secretary of Finance for the Commonwealth of Virginia from 2018 to 2021 and Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia from 2014 to 2018. He currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority. Mr. Layne served on TowneBank's regional Peninsula Board of Directors until 2014.

Mr. Layne brings years of leadership and business expertise to the TowneBank Board. He has also served on the boards of numerous civic and business organizations. His experience in both the local community and throughout Virginia, combined with his past service as a TowneBank regional director, has created an innovative leader that will help move our Company forward.

**W. Ashton Lewis (80)\*****Director since 1999**

Mr. Lewis has served as President of Lewis Gibbs Corporation (automobile dealership holding company), Chesapeake, Virginia, and Treasurer of First Team Automotive Group, Chesapeake, Virginia, since 1999.

Mr. Lewis has over 45 years of experience as the owner/operator of new auto dealerships and over 35 years of experience as a director of banking institutions. Mr. Lewis' experience as a local entrepreneur and his banking industry experience make him an asset to the Board.

**R. Scott Morgan (81)****Director since 1999**

Mr. Morgan retired from TowneBank in 2011. He served as President and Senior Credit Officer of TowneBank from 1999 until his retirement in 2011.

During Mr. Morgan's 47 years in banking and financial services, he served in numerous leadership roles focusing on lending, policy, review, and management. As one of the founding officers of TowneBank, Mr. Morgan brings to our Board a deep understanding of our Company's business, history, and organization, as well as extensive leadership, community banking expertise, and management experience.

**Robert M. Oman (71)\*****Director since 2016**

Mr. Oman retired in 2020, upon the sale of his business, Oman Funeral Homes, Inc., Chesapeake, Virginia, where he had served as President since 1985. Mr. Oman served as a director of Monarch until the merger with TowneBank in 2016. He is a former board member and Chairman of the Chesapeake Hospital Authority, which serves as the governing body for the Chesapeake Regional Medical Center.

As a former small business owner and native of Chesapeake, Mr. Oman brings value and insight into our business banking focus as well as the community.

**R.V. Owens, III (69)\*****Director since 2011**

Mr. Owens is President and Chief Executive Officer of Honey Badger OBX, LLC (real estate investment firm), Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina.

Mr. Owens' experience as the owner and President of a local retail business, combined with his extensive knowledge of our market area in northeastern North Carolina, makes him a valuable asset to the Board.



## 2028 Class III (Continuing Directors to Serve Until the 2028 Annual Meeting):

### G. Robert Aston, Jr. (80)

Director since 1999

Mr. Aston served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer from the founding of TowneBank in 1998 until 2018. In 2018, Mr. Aston assumed the position of Executive Chairman of the Board. Prior to the founding of TowneBank, Mr. Aston served as President and Chief Executive Officer of BB&T of Virginia from 1995 to 1998 and as President and Chief Executive Officer of Commerce Bank, Virginia Beach, Virginia, from 1985 until its acquisition by BB&T in 1995. Mr. Aston began his career at Citizens Trust Company in 1964 and rose through the ranks to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1981 to 1985.

Through his over 60 years of service to the community as a hometown banker and the leader of several community banks, Mr. Aston has gained a significant level of management experience in all aspects of community banking.

### J. Morgan Davis (75)

Director since 1999

Mr. Davis has served as an employee senior adviser with TowneBank since January 1, 2023. Mr. Davis served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company from 2018 to 2022 and as President of the Company from 2011 to 2021. He also served as Chief Banking Officer from 2011 until 2018. Mr. Davis served as President of Towne Financial Services Group ("TFSG"), which oversees the Company's non-banking businesses (mortgage, insurance, and real estate brokerage), from 2005 to 2011, and as President of TowneBank Virginia Beach from 1999 to 2005.

Mr. Davis is a 40-year banking veteran and served as the founding President of a local banking institution for 13 years before becoming a founding member of TowneBank in 1998. Mr. Davis has served on the boards of several prominent community organizations. Mr. Davis provides vital senior management experience and business acumen to our Board of Directors.

### Harry T. Lester (80)\*

Director since 2010

Mr. Lester served as President of Eastern Virginia Medical School ("EVMS"), Norfolk, Virginia, from 2005 until his retirement in 2013. Previously, Mr. Lester was a member of the EVMS Board of Visitors for five years and served a portion of that time as Rector of the EVMS Board.

Previously, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and had a successful career in commercial real estate of over 30 years. An active community leader, he serves on numerous boards, including serving 20 years as a regional director for TowneBank. Mr. Lester's extensive senior management and community service experience, coupled with his knowledge of banking and commercial real estate, provides significant benefits to our Board.

### William T. Morrison (63)

Director since 2016

Mr. Morrison has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of TFSG since January 1, 2023. Mr. Morrison served as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the TowneBank Mortgage and Realty Group from the merger of Monarch with TowneBank in 2016 until 2022. Previously, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Monarch Mortgage from 2011 until the merger with TowneBank.

Mr. Morrison has over 30 years of banking experience and has previously served as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Credit Officer at local community banks. He has served on the boards of several prominent community and educational organizations. Mr. Morrison's experience, leadership, and skills in the financial and mortgage lending industries are critical in leading our mortgage division and bring significant value to our Board.

### J. Christopher Perry (52)\*

Director since 2023

Mr. Perry is the founder and has served as Chief Executive Officer of Suburban Capital (privately held hospitality company), Virginia Beach, Virginia, since 1999. Mr. Perry served on TowneBank's regional Virginia Beach Board of Directors until 2015.

Mr. Perry brings years of management experience and expertise to the TowneBank Board, and he understands the needs of developing businesses. His service on the boards of various organizations in the local community, combined with his service as a TowneBank regional director, is invaluable as TowneBank continues to carry out its mission.



**Elizabeth W. Robertson (73)\*****Director since 2015**

Ms. Robertson retired in 2018 as Chief Financial Officer of Monument Restaurants, LLC, Richmond, Virginia, upon the sale of the company. She was a director of Franklin Financial Corporation and Franklin Savings Bank until their merger with TowneBank in 2015. Previously, she worked with KPMG LLP and Virginia Resources Authority.

Ms. Robertson has extensive experience in audit and public accounting. Her involvement in multiple business and civic organizations in the Richmond, Virginia community provides valuable insight regarding our business and operations.

**Sachin S. Shetty (48)\*****Director since 2024**

Dr. Shetty has been an Executive Director for the Center for Secure and Intelligent Critical Systems and Professor with the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at Old Dominion University, where he leads a research team focused on developing and integrating secure and intelligent technologies designed to ensure safe, reliable, and resilient critical infrastructure, since 2021. He was an Associate Director for the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center and Associate Professor with the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department from 2019 to 2021. Dr. Shetty, whose research interests lie at the intersection of computer networking, network security and machine learning, has published over 300 research articles.

Dr. Shetty's extensive experience in cybersecurity and data privacy brings significant value to our Board.

**Board of Directors and Committees**

Each director is expected to devote sufficient time, energy and attention to ensure diligent performance of the director's duties, including attendance at Board and committee meetings. There were 18 meetings of the Board of Directors in 2025. With one exception, each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the committees of which the director was a member during 2025. Juan M. Montero, II narrowly missed satisfying the 75% attendance threshold due largely to his domestic and international travel schedule as Founder and Chairman of Montero Medical Missions, a charitable organization that provides medical missions and creates sustainable healthcare projects through physicians and allied health professionals in the United States and abroad.

The Company encourages each member of the Board to attend the annual meeting of shareholders. Of the 24 current directors who were serving at the time, 20 attended the 2025 annual meeting of shareholders.

The Board has reviewed the definition of "independent director" as defined in Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2) and determined that of the 10 director nominees and 17 other directors, 20 are independent.

There are no family relationships among any of the directors or among any director and any executive officer.

The Board of Directors of the Company has established various committees, including Executive, Audit, Compensation, Nominating, and Enterprise Risk Management.

**Lead Director.** W. Ashton Lewis serves as the Company's Lead Director. The responsibilities and duties of the Lead Director include (i) presiding at meetings of the Board of Directors at which the Chairman is not present, including executive sessions of the independent directors; (ii) serving as the principal liaison between the Chairman and the independent directors on sensitive issues; (iii) calling special meetings or executive sessions of the independent directors; (iv) facilitating communication between the Board and senior management, including advising the Chairman of the Board's informational needs regarding meeting agendas and schedules and the types and forms of information supplied to directors; (v) serving as an additional point of contact for Board members and shareholders and being available for consultation and direct communication with major shareholders; and (vi) working with the Chairman to ensure that the Board is provided with the resources, including external advisors and consultants as considered appropriate, to permit the Board to carry out its responsibilities and duties. The Lead Director is elected annually by a majority vote of the independent directors. Although elected annually, the Lead Director is generally expected to serve for more than one year. The Lead Director may be removed or replaced at any time with or without cause by a majority vote of the independent members of the Board of Directors.

**Board's Role in Risk Oversight.** While each of the Company's Board committees oversees the management of the risks that are within their areas of responsibility, the Company's Enterprise Risk Management Committee is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the Company's Enterprise Risk Management program.



The program takes an ongoing enterprise view of risk tolerances, risk limits, and key risk indicators towards the development and refinement of the Company's risk appetite framework, as approved by the Board of Directors. The program includes consistent processes for identifying, assessing, managing, monitoring and reporting risks of all types, including credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, cyber and security risk, operational risk, compliance risk, strategic risk and reputation risk, as well as Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering compliance and environmental, social and governance matters. The Board of Directors is regularly informed about the Company's risk profile through management presentations, committee reports and minutes of the meetings of the Enterprise Risk Management Committee. Although risk management is primarily the responsibility of the Company's management, the Enterprise Risk Management Committee actively engages with management to establish risk management principles and to determine risk appetite.

As a financial institution entrusted with safeguarding sensitive customer information, the Board of Directors is actively engaged in the oversight of the Company's cyber risk profile and key cyber initiatives. Under the direction of its Chief Information Security Officer, the Company maintains a formal information security management program, which is subject to oversight by, and reporting to, the Enterprise Risk Management Committee. The Enterprise Risk Management Committee oversees and reviews reports on significant matters of actual, threatened or potential breaches of corporate security, including cybersecurity. The Company maintains cyber insurance through its corporate insurance program.

Other committees of the Board of Directors consider the risks within their areas of responsibility. The Audit Committee has responsibility for oversight of risks associated with financial accounting and reporting, including the system of internal controls. The Audit Committee also oversees the Company's internal audit function. To better coordinate its risk oversight function, the Chair of the Audit Committee is a member of the Enterprise Risk Management Committee. The Compensation Committee oversees risks relating to the Company's compensation plans and programs.

In addition to reviewing committee reports and minutes concerning the Company's risk management program, the Board of Directors also monitors and reviews reports presented by management, internal and external auditors, and regulatory examiners.

While the Company believes that its risk oversight structure is designed to provide an effective risk management program, the Board of Directors and the management team are committed to the continuous strengthening of the Company's risk management practices.

**Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee is composed of Messrs. Lawson (Chair), Aston, Benson, Ellis, Foster, Lester, and Lewis. The committee, which is subject to the supervision and control of the Board of Directors, has been delegated substantially all of the powers of the Board of Directors to act between meetings of the Board, except for certain matters reserved to the Board by law. In 2025, there were 11 meetings of the Executive Committee.

**Audit Committee.** The Audit Committee is composed of Ms. Robertson (Chair) and Messrs. Jenkins, Jung, Layne, Lewis, Perry, and Witt. Serving as consultants to the Audit Committee are Lawton H. Baker, a Director of the Portsmouth TowneBanking Group board and Robert E. Yancey, a Director of the Peninsula TowneBanking Group board. The seven committee members are considered "independent directors" as defined by Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2). The Board of the Company has established that the Company has two Audit Committee financial experts: Ms. Robertson and Mr. Witt. The Board has determined that Ms. Robertson and Mr. Witt possess the requisite accounting and related financial management expertise to qualify for the position. Pursuant to the written charter of the Audit Committee, the functions of the committee are to review and approve the selection of independent auditors; to remain apprised of the status and results of examination by the regulatory agencies, the independent auditors and the internal auditor, as well as monitor remediation progress if applicable; and to issue its report to the Board of Directors.

The Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing all transactions between the Company and any officer or director of the Company or any entity in which an officer or director has a material interest. Any such transactions must be on terms no less favorable than those that could be obtained on an arm's-length basis from independent third parties. The Audit Committee met eight times in 2025. The Audit Committee Report begins on page 48. A copy of the charter of the Audit Committee is available on the "Investor Relations" page of the Company's website at [www.townebank.com](http://www.townebank.com) under the heading "Governance Documents."

**Compensation Committee.** The Compensation Committee is composed of Messrs. Lewis (Chair), Benson, Ellis, Lester, and Montero. The five committee members are considered "independent directors" as defined by Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2). Pursuant to the written charter of the Compensation Committee, the primary function of the committee is to

provide independent oversight of TowneBank's compensation practices and to determine compensation or provide recommendations to the Board for the compensation of the Executive Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and all other executive officers of TowneBank. The committee also monitors all incentive and equity compensation plans for the benefit of Company officers and directors eligible to participate in such plans. The Compensation Committee met four times in 2025. The Compensation Committee Report is included on page 19. A copy of the charter of the Compensation Committee is available on the "Investor Relations" page of the Company's website at [www.townebank.com](http://www.townebank.com) under the heading "Governance Documents."

**Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation.** During 2025, there were transactions between TowneBank and certain members of the Compensation Committee, or their associates, primarily consisting of extensions of credit and purchases of goods and services by the Company in the ordinary course of its business. Each transaction was made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates, lease rates, purchase prices, collateral and repayment terms, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with the general public. In the opinion of management, none of the transactions involve more than the normal risk of collectibility or present other unfavorable features.

**Enterprise Risk Management Committee.** The Enterprise Risk Management Committee is composed of Messrs. Witt (Chair), Jung, Lewis, Norment, Perkins, and Shetty, and Ms. Robertson. Serving as advisors to the Enterprise Risk Management Committee are Messrs. Davis and Morgan. Ernest S. Piccioli serves as a non-voting member and Committee Secretary. The Enterprise Risk Management Committee was formed to be primarily responsible for overseeing the Company's risk management function on behalf of the Board.

The Enterprise Risk Management Committee is responsible for aligning the Company's risk profile, inclusive of risk appetite, with the Company's strategic plans and objectives. This involves identifying, assessing, managing, monitoring and reporting risks of all types, including credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, operational risk, technology risk, strategic risk, and reputation risk.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Enterprise Risk Management Committee works closely with TowneBank's Chief Risk Officer, internal audit, and other members of TowneBank's management team. The Enterprise Risk Management Committee met five times in 2025.

In addition to the Enterprise Risk Management Committee, the other committees of the Board consider the risks within their areas of responsibility. For example, the Compensation Committee considers the risks that may be implicated by our executive compensation programs. For a discussion of the Compensation Committee's review of TowneBank's senior executive officer compensation plans and employee incentive compensation plans and the risks associated with these plans, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" beginning on page 20. A copy of the charter of the Enterprise Risk Management Committee is available on the "Investor Relations" page of the Company's website at [www.townebank.com](http://www.townebank.com) under the heading "Governance Documents."

## Director Nominations Process

The Company's Board of Directors has adopted a Director Nominations Policy (the "Nominations Policy"). The purpose of the Nominations Policy is to describe the process by which candidates for possible inclusion in the Company's recommended slate of director nominees are selected. The Nominations Policy is administered by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee ("Nominating Committee").

**Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee is composed of Messrs. Lester (Chair), Benson, Ellis and Lewis. The committee members are considered independent directors "as defined by Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2)". The Nominating Committee met four times in 2025. A copy of the charter of the Nominating Committee is available on the "Investor Relations" page of the Company's website at [www.townebank.com](http://www.townebank.com) under the heading "Governance Documents." The Nominating Committee reviews the qualifications of potential candidates and makes recommendations to the full Board. The factors considered by the committee and the Board in its review of potential candidates include the following:

**Minimum Criteria for Board Members.** Each candidate must possess at least the following specific minimum qualifications:

- Each candidate shall be prepared to represent the best interests of all of the Company's shareholders and not just one particular constituency.



- Each candidate shall be an individual who has demonstrated integrity and ethics in his or her personal and professional life and has established a record of professional accomplishment in his or her chosen field.
- No candidate, family member (as defined by Nasdaq rules), affiliate or associate (each as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933) of a candidate shall have any material personal, financial or professional interest in any present or potential significant competitor of the Company.
- Each candidate shall be prepared to participate fully in Board activities, including committee assignments. Attendance at, and active participation in, meetings of the Board and the committee of which he or she is a member is expected. There should be no other personal or professional commitments that would, in the Nominating Committee's sole judgment, interfere with or limit his or her ability to do so.

*Desirable Qualities and Skills.* In addition, the Company also considers it desirable that candidates possess the following qualities or skills:

- Each candidate should contribute to the Board's overall diversity – diversity being broadly construed to mean a variety of opinions, perspectives, personal and professional experiences and backgrounds, such as gender, race and ethnicity differences, as well as other differentiating characteristics.
- Each candidate should contribute positively to the existing chemistry and collaborative culture among Board members.

*Internal Process for Identifying Candidates.* The Company has a primary method for identifying candidates (other than those proposed by the Company's shareholders, as discussed below). On a periodic basis, the Company solicits ideas for possible candidates from a number of sources: members of the Board, senior-level Company executives, individuals personally known to the members of the Board, and research.

The Nominations Policy divides the process for candidates proposed by shareholders into the general nomination right of all shareholders and proposals by "Qualified Shareholders" (as defined below).

*General Nomination Right of All Shareholders.* Any shareholder of the Company may nominate one or more persons for election as a director of the Company at the annual meeting of shareholders if the shareholder complies with the notice, information and consent provisions contained in the Company's bylaws. The Company has an advance notice bylaw provision. In order for the director nomination to be timely, a shareholder's notice must be delivered to the Company's principal executive offices not less than 60 nor more than 90 days prior to the anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, subject to certain exceptions if the meeting date is not held within the same general time period.

The procedures described in the next section are meant to establish additional means by which certain shareholders can have access to the Company's process for identifying and evaluating candidates, before they become nominees, and are not meant to replace or limit shareholders' general nomination rights in any way.

*Proposals by Qualified Shareholders.* In addition to those candidates identified through the Company's own internal processes, in accordance with the Nominations Policy, the Nominating Committee will evaluate a candidate proposed by any single shareholder or group of affiliated shareholders who has beneficially owned more than 5% of the Company's common stock for at least one year (and will hold the required number of shares through the annual shareholders' meeting) and who satisfies the notice, information and consent provisions in the Nominations Policy (a "Qualified Shareholder").

In order to be considered by the Nominating Committee during the identification and evaluation process for an upcoming annual meeting of shareholders, a notice from a Qualified Shareholder regarding a potential candidate must be received by the Company not less than 120 calendar days before the anniversary of the date of the Company's proxy statement released to shareholders in connection with the previous year's annual meeting. If the Company changes its annual meeting date by more than 30 days from year to year, the notice must be received by the Company no later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which notice of the date of the upcoming annual meeting is publicly disclosed.

All candidates (whether identified internally or by a Qualified Shareholder) who, after evaluation, are then recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board, will be included in the Company's recommended slate of director nominees in its proxy statement.

Any candidate proposed by a Qualified Shareholder must be independent of the Qualified Shareholder in all respects as determined by the Nominating Committee or by applicable law. Any candidate submitted by a Qualified Shareholder must also meet the definition of an “independent director” under Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2).

*Evaluation of Candidates.* The Nominating Committee will consider all candidates identified through the processes described above, and will evaluate each of them, including incumbents, based on the same criteria. If, based on the committee’s initial evaluation, a candidate continues to be of interest, certain members of the Nominating Committee will interview the candidate and communicate their evaluation to the other committee members, the Chairman of the Board, and the Chief Executive Officer.

The Nominating Committee and senior management will conduct later reviews. Ultimately, background and reference checks will be conducted and the Nominating Committee will meet to finalize a list of recommended candidates for the Board’s consideration.

*Timing of the Identification and Evaluation Process.* The Company’s fiscal year ends each year on December 31. The Nominating Committee meets on an as-needed basis to consider, among other things, candidates to be recommended to the Board for inclusion in the Company’s recommended slate of director nominees for the next annual meeting and the Company’s proxy statement.

*Future Revisions to the Nominations Policy.* The Nominations Policy is intended to provide a flexible set of guidelines for the effective functioning of the Company’s director nominations process. The Nominating Committee intends to review the Nominations Policy periodically and anticipates that modifications will be necessary from time to time as the Company’s needs and circumstances evolve.



# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE HIGHLIGHTS

As a relationship driven and community focused company, TowneBank is committed to delivering on each of our guiding principles while balancing the interests of our shareholders, our communities, our customers (whom we call our members), and our employees. We believe our employees are one of our most important and valuable assets, and we strive to create a warm sense of belonging. We believe our strong culture strengthens our bond with the communities we serve.

At TowneBank, we empower consumers—both individual consumers and businesses—to make financial decisions with confidence. We believe that our environmental, social and governance initiatives contribute to our success in achieving the Company’s goals for all our shareholders. We have identified the following topics of focus: Human Capital Management, Diversity and Inclusion (D&I), Community Engagement, Climate and Environmental Operations, Governance and Business Conduct, and Data Privacy and Cybersecurity. The following summary highlights some of these initiatives.

## Human Capital Management

TowneBank’s ability to deliver value to our members starts with our people. The success of the Company is directly attributable to an exceptional team of people who are clearly committed to a caring and nurturing environment centered on serving others. Continuing to build a passionate team with adherence to our culture of caring, vision, and opportunity for all will be the cornerstone of our ongoing success.

We have a strategic focus on designing our compensation and incentive programs to ensure they are competitive and effective in attracting and retaining diverse talent across all lines of business. In addition to competitive base and incentive compensation plans, the Company offers all full-time employees competitive benefits including paid vacation and sick leave, parental leave, 401(k) plan, health, dental, and vision plans, life and disability coverage, wellness plan, paid training opportunities, pre-tax flexible spending accounts, and tuition reimbursement.

As part of the Company’s governance framework for human capital, the Board of Directors has a Compensation Committee composed of independent directors. Pursuant to the written charter of the Compensation Committee, the primary function of the committee is to provide independent oversight of TowneBank’s compensation practices and to determine compensation or provide recommendations to the Board for the compensation of the Executive Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, and all other executive officers of TowneBank. The committee also monitors all incentive and equity compensation plans for the benefit of Company officers and directors eligible to participate in such plans.

The Company’s strategic plan has dedicated objectives and tactics to ensure we recruit, retain, and develop a diverse and talented team, with a specific focus on enhancing diversity and inclusion. None of our employees are represented by any collective bargaining agreements.

Periodically, we send Company-wide surveys to our employees on topics such as career satisfaction and member experience, inviting confidential feedback on our benefits, processes and opportunities. We have used this feedback to develop and enhance employee benefits and opportunities.

The Company has active learning and development programs designed to develop skills and knowledge, provide ongoing opportunities for teams to grow in existing roles, and to be prepared for future opportunities. For over 18 years, the Company has had a management development program designed to develop leadership and managerial talent for the future. Over this time, 227 employees have participated in this program, and many of these graduates have moved into leadership roles in the Company.

## Diversity and Inclusion

Our mission statement includes a commitment “to create a warm sense of belonging” for everyone. To ensure that all our employees feel valued and respected, and recognizing the vital importance of having a workforce that reflects the communities we serve, we established the Diversity and Inclusion Council. Our Chief Executive Officer chairs this council, which includes leaders and representatives from diverse business lines and regions across our organization. In 2025, the council met eight times.



The Diversity and Inclusion Council oversees our initiatives to foster an environment of respect, value, and engagement, allowing all team members to reach their full potential.

Our strategy is to:

- Support TowneBank's commitment to creating a warm sense of belonging;
- Foster and sustain a diverse, high-performing workforce;
- Cultivate and support an inclusive culture;
- Provide resources to promote professional and career development opportunities; and
- Provide access to mentorship opportunities.

As part of our efforts to achieve these goals, we have formed recruiting partnerships with local colleges and universities to promote and enhance workforce diversity. Our vision is to keep attracting and retaining a high-performing team by actively recruiting, developing, and supporting employees who work together to fulfill TowneBank's mission.

We offer several inclusive spaces designed for team members to engage with and appreciate diverse perspectives. These forums are inclusive and open to all team members who are passionate about learning from diverse viewpoints and who can actively contribute to initiatives that support TowneBank's strategic plan, mission, and guiding principles. These spaces include NOIR, Pride, Women's, Working Parents and Caregivers, Emerging Leaders, Administrative Professionals, and New Family Members.

We have expanded our efforts to include an engagement team dedicated to hugging our people by intentionally cultivating workplace environments where every team member feels seen, valued, and appreciated. By fostering genuine gratitude and connection, we strengthen relationships, support deeper motivation, and continue to create conditions for our people to thrive.

At December 31, 2025, women represent approximately 66% of our workforce, and approximately 19% of our team members identify as minorities.

## Community Engagement

Robust community engagement, volunteerism and philanthropy are some of the ways in which TowneBank continues to serve our communities. Here are some highlights of our initiatives.

- In 2025, we committed to invest over \$53 million in Federal low-income housing tax credits, providing families with more than 500 affordable housing opportunities.
- Our employees self-reported over 12,700 volunteer hours last year at more than 485 different organizations throughout the regions we serve.
- Our employees personally donated over \$750,000 through the United Way Workplace Giving Campaign.
- Our charitable contributions in 2025 totaled \$17.30 million, which went to support approximately 1,500 organizations in the communities we serve that are dedicated to a wide variety of causes, including health care, childhood development, education, food banks, veterans, and job creation.
- TowneBank has been named to the Civic 50 Hampton Roads, a national initiative honoring community-minded companies, for demonstrating best practices as a corporate citizen for three consecutive years.
- We have received seven consecutive "Outstanding" ratings, the highest possible, on our Community Reinvestment Act performance evaluation since 2007, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to support the communities we serve through community development loans, support of affordable housing, philanthropic donations and volunteer services.
- With a designated Financial Engagement Officer on the team, we conduct financial literacy, credit, mortgage, and business financing seminars on topics such as: entrepreneurship, budgeting, mortgage basics, business financing, homeownership basics, managing debt, and work readiness, for non-profit organizations, individuals, and the general public. In 2025, we conducted more than 25 sessions, reaching approximately 2,000 individuals.



- We have an active interest in Junior Achievement programs throughout our footprint. TowneBank is a multi-year financial sponsor of Junior Achievement of the Central Carolinas' "Build On Opportunity" campaign. In 2025, our bankers volunteered in multiple regions and we provided additional financial sponsorships in Greater Hampton Roads, Central Virginia, Eastern and the Central Carolinas.
- We are also active in many financial literacy programs for children and young adults, including Making Money Count ("MMC"), which has reached approximately 120,000 second graders in our central Virginia market since it launched in 2010.
- We are involved with multiple American Bankers Association education programs. In 2025, an estimated 2,200 students were reached as part of the "Teach Children to Save" program for elementary schools and an estimated 1,000 middle and high-schoolers were reached as part of the "Get Smart About Credit" program. Additionally, TowneBank employees visited local schools as part of the "Virginia Reads One Book" program, reaching an estimated 2,500 students.

## Climate and Environmental Operations

We recognize the importance of climate, environmental sustainability, and the heightened interest in companies' environmental footprints. As we evolve our environmental program and strategy, we look forward to sharing our progress. Highlights of our initiatives include:

- We encourage our members to use online and mobile banking and to opt-in for electronic statements;
- More than 60% of the approximate 8,100 mortgage loan applicants in 2025 applied using our online application portal, and over 94% of our mortgage borrowers received, completed, and signed electronically the mortgage loan package, which includes a substantial number of disclosure related forms required by law;
- We utilize energy-saving LED bulbs and fixtures throughout our facilities;
- New and renovated locations include energy efficient time-controlled HVAC systems and light fixtures with motion-detecting sensors;
- We have pledged our financial support to a number of environmental conservation organizations and projects that are active in our communities, including:
  - The Elizabeth River Project (a \$500,000 commitment over five years starting in 2021),
  - The James River Association (a \$50,000 commitment over four years starting in 2022),
  - The Nansemond River Preservation Alliance (a \$60,000 commitment over three years starting in 2023),
  - Lynnhaven River Now (a \$500,000 commitment over five years starting in 2026),
  - Maymont Foundation (a \$250,000 commitment over five years starting in 2026), and
  - The Virginia Living Museum (a \$500,000 commitment over five years starting in 2026).
- We have no credit exposure involving the exploration, mining or extraction of coal, oil or natural gas.

## Governance and Business Conduct

Our Board of Directors works in partnership with our management team to serve all our stakeholders. Our directors, who live and work in the local communities we serve, represent a well-rounded variety of skills, knowledge, experience and perspectives. In particular, they have considerable community banking experience which gives them valuable insight into the increasingly complex regulatory and operating environment that banking institutions must navigate. The Board is committed to overseeing our efforts to integrate ESG principles and practices throughout the organization.

Governance highlights include:

- All of our board committees are chaired by independent directors;
- Strong independent Lead Director with clearly delineated duties;
- Our directors maintain a high level of engagement with the Company with a monthly meeting cadence (18 meetings held in 2025) and an average attendance of approximately 93% for board and committee meetings in 2025;
- Our directors and executive officers own Company stock and as a group, they beneficially own 5.91% of our outstanding shares as of the record date (March 26, 2026);
- Each share of our common stock has equal voting rights with one vote per share;



- The Board of Directors has adopted a conflicts of interest policy that requires actual or potential conflicts of interest of any director or executive officer be disclosed to and reviewed by the Audit Committee;
- Directors and executive officers are prohibited from hedging Company stock;
- In keeping with our policy of non-partisanship, we do not contribute any corporate funds to candidates for public office or to political parties, and do not allow members of executive management to occupy any elective public office;
- Our Employee Handbook includes standards of conduct that address the Company's values, which include, among other things, integrity, ethical behavior, and conflicts of interest;
- We maintain a retaliation-free whistleblower policy for employees to communicate concerns regarding accounting, auditing or other matters relating to violations of law or fraud to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee provides oversight of the Company's whistleblower policy and reviews complaints in accordance with the policy;
- Executive officers are asked to certify annually their receipt of the Company Code of Ethics; and
- All our employees receive annual compliance training in our key policies and procedures.

## Data Privacy and Cybersecurity

The security of our members' private information is one of our key priorities. We have put in place corporate policies and operating procedures that govern how we collect, use, retain and protect private and personal data. Information security highlights include:

- Our Enterprise Risk Management Committee, a Board level committee chaired by an independent director, oversees the Company's cybersecurity risk program and reports periodically to the Board of Directors;
- The cybersecurity program utilizes multiple levels of preventive and detective tools, rigorous systems testing, software patch management, and a dedicated information security staff led by our Chief Information Security Officer;
- We engage independent third parties to conduct internal and external system penetration testing and conduct internal security risk assessments and audits;
- We have an incident response program that enables a coordinated response to mitigate the impact of, and recover from, any cyber-attacks and facilitates communications to internal and external stakeholders;
- We maintain a disaster recovery plan designed to ensure continuity of operations in the event of disruption; and
- Employees receive mandatory annual training in information security, and we routinely conduct exercises to raise data security awareness.



# OWNERSHIP OF COMPANY COMMON STOCK

The following table sets forth, as of March 26, 2026, certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock held by each director and director nominee, each executive officer named in the "Summary Compensation Table" on page 31, the current directors and all executive officers as a group, and persons known by the Company to be beneficial owners of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock.

| Name                                                                               | Number of Shares Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)</sup> | Percent of Class |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| G. Robert Aston, Jr.                                                               | 450,507 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>                          | *                |
| Jeffrey F. Benson                                                                  | 128,010 <sup>(2)</sup>                             | *                |
| Richard Cullen                                                                     | 7,960 <sup>(2)(9)</sup>                            | *                |
| J. Morgan Davis                                                                    | 31,877 <sup>(2)</sup>                              | *                |
| Douglas D. Ellis                                                                   | 165,168                                            | *                |
| Andrew S. Fine                                                                     | 454,809 <sup>(2)</sup>                             | *                |
| William I. Foster III                                                              | 67,887 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>                           | *                |
| Robert C. Hatley                                                                   | 76,973 <sup>(2)</sup>                              | *                |
| Frank E. Jenkins, Jr.                                                              | 5,888                                              | *                |
| Steven W. Jones                                                                    | 276,392 <sup>(3)(10)(11)</sup>                     | *                |
| Howard J. Jung                                                                     | 211,436 <sup>(2)</sup>                             | *                |
| John R. Lawson, II                                                                 | 1,881,748 <sup>(2)</sup>                           | 2.04%            |
| Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.                                                               | 31,956                                             | *                |
| Harry T. Lester                                                                    | 45,978                                             | *                |
| W. Ashton Lewis                                                                    | 213,506 <sup>(2)</sup>                             | *                |
| William B. Littreal                                                                | 68,631 <sup>(3)</sup>                              | *                |
| Stephanie J. Marioneaux                                                            | 59,660 <sup>(2)</sup>                              | *                |
| Juan M. Montero, II,                                                               | 22,875                                             | *                |
| R. Scott Morgan                                                                    | 258,063 <sup>(2)</sup>                             | *                |
| William T. Morrison                                                                | 178,054 <sup>(3)</sup>                             | *                |
| Thomas K. Norment, Jr.                                                             | 80,064 <sup>(2)</sup>                              | *                |
| Robert M. Oman                                                                     | 54,905 <sup>(2)</sup>                              | *                |
| R.V. Owens, III                                                                    | 25,623                                             | *                |
| G. Robin Perkins, III                                                              | 194,930 <sup>(2)(10)(11)</sup>                     | *                |
| J. Christopher Perry                                                               | 16,805 <sup>(2)</sup>                              | *                |
| Ernest S. Piccioli                                                                 | 32,935 <sup>(3)</sup>                              | *                |
| Elizabeth W. Robertson                                                             | 62,323 <sup>(2)</sup>                              | *                |
| Sachin S. Shetty                                                                   | 3,887                                              | *                |
| Alan S. Witt                                                                       | 100,214                                            | *                |
| All directors, director nominees and executive officers as a group (37 persons)    | 5,459,639 <sup>(4)</sup>                           | 5.91%            |
| <b>5% Shareholders</b>                                                             |                                                    |                  |
| BlackRock, Inc.<br>50 Hudson Yards<br>New York, New York 10001                     | 5,416,989 <sup>(5)</sup>                           | 6.86%            |
| T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.<br>100 E. Pratt Street<br>Baltimore, Maryland 21202 | 3,958,862 <sup>(6)</sup>                           | 5.01%            |
| The Vanguard Group<br>100 Vanguard Boulevard<br>Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355        | 8,082,514 <sup>(7)</sup>                           | 10.24%           |
| Dimensional Fund Advisors<br>6300 Bee Caves Road, Building 1<br>Austin, TX 78746   | 4,339,745 <sup>(8)</sup>                           | 5.50%            |

(Footnotes appear on the next page.)



\* Represents less than 1% of the Company's common stock.

- (1) For purposes of this table, beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under which, in general, a person is deemed to be the beneficial owner of a security if he or she has or shares the power to vote or direct the voting of the security, the power to dispose of or direct the disposition of the security, or the right to acquire beneficial ownership of the security within 60 days. The mailing address of the directors and executive officers included in the table is 6001 Harbour View Blvd., Suffolk, Virginia 23435.
- (2) Includes shares held by affiliated corporations, close relatives and children, and shares held jointly with spouses or as custodians or trustees, as follows: Mr. Aston, 366,404 shares; Mr. Benson, 17,883 shares; Mr. Cullen, 6,000 shares; Mr. Davis, 31,857 shares; Mr. Fine, 293,394 shares; Mr. Foster, 226 shares; Mr. Hatley, 8,193 shares; Mr. Jung, 70,008 shares; Mr. Lawson, 1,454,101 shares; Mr. Lewis, 133,484 shares; Dr. Marioneaux, 114 shares; Mr. Morgan, 3,535 shares; Mr. Norment, 3,550 shares; Mr. Oman, 29,562 shares; Mr. Perkins, 7,000 shares; Mr. Perry, 6,937 shares; and Ms. Robertson, 60,463 shares.
- (3) Includes shares of common stock that are restricted stock holdings as follows: Mr. Aston, 40,058 shares; Mr. Foster, 40,161 shares; Mr. Jones, 29,147 shares; Mr. Littreal, 26,620 shares; Mr. Morrison, 8,100 shares; and Mr. Piccoli, 24,035 shares. The shares are subject to a vesting schedule, forfeiture risk and other restrictions. These shares can be voted at the Annual Meeting.
- (4) Includes 52,057 shares of common stock that are restricted stock holdings for other executive officers not included in footnote three above. These shares can be voted at the Annual Meeting.
- (5) This information is based on a Schedule 13F-HR filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 12, 2026, which reported sole voting power over 5,236,234 shares, shared voting power over 0 shares, sole dispositive power over 5,416,989 shares and shared dispositive power over 0 shares at December 31, 2025.
- (6) This information is based on a Schedule 13F-HR filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 19, 2026, which reported sole voting power over 3,934,882 shares, shared voting power over 0 shares, sole dispositive power over 3,958,862 shares and shared dispositive power over 0 shares at December 31, 2025.
- (7) This information is based on a Schedule 13F-HR filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 29, 2026, which reported sole voting power over 0 shares, shared voting power over 509,821 shares, sole dispositive power over 7,461,680 shares and shared dispositive power over 620,834 shares at December 31, 2025.
- (8) This information is based on a Schedule 13F-HR filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 12, 2026, which reported sole voting power over 4,097,894 shares, shared voting power over 182,581 shares, sole dispositive power over 4,154,199 shares and shared dispositive power over 185,546 shares at December 31, 2025.
- (9) Richard Cullen joined the Board on January 29, 2026.
- (10) Steven W. Jones and G. Robin Perkins, III joined the Board on January 12, 2026.
- (11) Includes shares that have been pledged as collateral for personal indebtedness as follows: Mr. Jones, 190,000 shares; and Mr. Perkins, 150,000 shares.

## Stock Ownership Guidelines

The Board of Directors believes that it is in the best interests of the Company to align the financial interests of the directors and executive officers with those of the Company's shareholders and has adopted minimum stock ownership guidelines applicable to directors and the Named Executive Officers listed in the "Summary Compensation Table" on page 31.

The ownership threshold for directors is \$100,000 aggregate value of the Company's common stock. The ownership threshold for the Named Executive Officers is based on the following multiples of their base salaries: three times base salary for the Executive Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer; two times base salary for the President (if not also the Chief Executive Officer), and one times base salary for the other Named Executive Officers. There is a five year accumulation period for new directors and Named Executive Officers.

Shares owned directly by a director and Named Executive Officer or indirectly (e.g., by a spouse, trust or affiliated company) count towards the ownership targets. Restricted stock awards, restricted stock units and other equity-based awards granted under the Company's stock incentive plans that are time-vested awards involving the issuance of shares of common stock are also included as owned for the purposes of the guidelines. Unexercised stock options, unearned performance shares, and any shares pledged to secure a loan or held in a margin account are not counted toward meeting the guidelines. If any director or officer is not in compliance with the ownership guidelines, any shares acquired upon the exercise of a stock option or any shares that vest and are no longer subject to any time-based or performance-based vesting requirement may not be sold or transferred, except for the limited purpose of paying any applicable tax withholding or exercise price.

The value of the Company's common stock held by a director or Named Executive Officer is based on the average closing price of the Company's common stock for the last 10 trading days of the applicable year. As of January 1, 2026, with three exceptions, all of the directors and Named Executive Officers satisfied their respective stock ownership requirements. Mr. Foster became the Chief Executive Officer as of January 1, 2023, and is taking appropriate steps to accumulate ownership as permitted for a new Chief Executive Officer by the ownership guidelines. Dr. Shetty joined the Board on March 1, 2024 and Mr. Jenkins joined the Board on April 1, 2025. While they did not satisfy the ownership guidelines for a new director as of January 1, 2026, they have since acquired a sufficient number of additional shares of the Company's common stock to meet the ownership threshold.



## No Hedging Policy

The Company has an anti-hedging policy that prohibits directors and executive officers from engaging in hedging transactions designed to hedge or offset any decrease in the market value of the Company's common stock including prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, puts, calls, collars, forwards, exchange funds and other derivative instruments. The policy also prohibits directors and executive officers from engaging in short sale transactions in the Company's common stock.

## Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports

Pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"), directors and executive officers of the Company are required to file reports with the FDIC indicating their holdings of and transactions in the Company's equity securities.

Based upon a review of filings with the FDIC and written representation that no other reports were required, the Company believes that all of its directors and executive officers were in compliance with the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during 2025 with the following exceptions:

Directors: one late Form 4 report was filed by Frank E. Jenkins, Jr. reporting the acquisition of shares in one transaction, and one late Form 4 report was filed by Andrew S. Fine reporting the disposition of shares in one transaction.

Executive Officers: one late Form 4 report was filed by Ernest S. Piccioli. reporting the acquisition of shares in one transaction, and one late Form 4 report was filed by Dawn S. Glynn reporting the disposition of shares in one transaction.

## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2025 with management. Based on this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

This report is provided by the following independent directors, who comprise the Compensation Committee:

W. Ashton Lewis, Chair  
 Jeffery F. Benson  
 Douglas D. Ellis  
 Harry T. Lester  
 Juan M. Montero, II

# COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis describes our 2025 executive compensation programs and decisions with respect to our executive officers and, in particular, our Named Executive Officers (sometimes referred to as our “NEOs”) listed in the “Summary Compensation Table” on page 31. In this discussion, we explain, among other things, our compensation philosophy and programs, factors considered by the Compensation Committee in making compensation decisions, and additional information about our compensation programs and practices.

## Focus on Management Succession and Leadership Changes

Over five years ago, the Company established the Corporate Management Group, which consists of the Company’s most senior executive officers to enhance its management structure and to continue to build out its long-term management succession plan. The Corporate Management Group consists of the following executive officers:

| Executive Officers         | Principal Position                                                                | Years of Service at TowneBank |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| G. Robert Aston, Jr. (80)  | Executive Chairman                                                                | 26                            |
| William I. Foster III (70) | President and Chief Executive Officer                                             | 21                            |
| Varun Chandhok (54)        | Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer                     | *                             |
| R. Lee Clark (58)          | Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer                       | 20                            |
| Matthew C. Davis (59)      | Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer                        | 9                             |
| Dawn S. Glynn (58)         | President, Corporate Services Group and Chief Experience Officer                  | 26                            |
| Steven W. Jones (57)       | President of the Carolinas                                                        | *                             |
| William B. Littreal (56)   | Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer                       | 18                            |
| William T. Morrison (63)   | President and Chief Executive Officer, Towne Financial Services Group             | 10                            |
| Ernest S. Piccioli (59)    | Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer                            | 3                             |
| Phillip M. Rudisill (60)   | Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer                          | 20                            |
| Brian K. Skinner (55)      | President and Regional Banking Director, Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina | 19                            |

\* Mr. Jones joined the Corporate Management Group in connection with TowneBank’s acquisition on January 12, 2026 of Dogwood State Bank, where he served as Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Chandhok succeeded Denys J. Diaz, who retired on December 31, 2025, as TowneBank’s Chief Information Officer.

The Named Executive Officers for 2025 are Messrs. Aston, Foster, Littreal, Morrison, and Piccioli.

## Executive Summary

TowneBank’s executive compensation programs are designed to attract, retain and motivate exceptional leaders with the ability to foster strong business results and ensure the long-term success of the Company. The goal of the Compensation Committee in setting compensation is to motivate executives to achieve a range of performance consistent with strategic and business plans approved by the Board of Directors while ensuring that the financial costs of current or proposed compensation and benefit programs are reasonable and consistent with industry standards and shareholders’ interests.

**2025 Performance Highlights.** During 2025, the Company delivered a solid financial and operational performance that included earnings growth, deposit market share growth, loan growth, and strong credit quality, all while successfully managing three bank acquisitions.

Our 2025 financial results are more fully described in “*Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025. Performance highlights for 2025 include:

- Net income of \$169.53 million, or \$2.21 per fully-diluted share, compared to \$161.36 million, or \$2.15 per fully-diluted share, for the prior year.



- Total revenues increased to \$835.72 million, compared to \$693.29 million in the prior year, driven by a \$121.00 million, or 27.34%, increase in net interest income and a \$21.43 million, or 8.55%, increase in noninterest income.
- At December 31, 2025, excess liquidity, in the form of cash and cash equivalents, unencumbered investment securities, long- and short- term borrowing facilities at the Federal Reserve, Federal Home Loan Bank, and correspondent banks, was \$7.02 billion, which represents 99.53% of uninsured deposits as adjusted to exclude certain municipal deposits collateralized by securities.
- Total deposits were \$16.51 billion at December 31, 2025, a 14.35% increase over the prior year. Noninterest bearing deposits represented 30.73% of total deposits at December 31, 2025.
- Loans held for investment increased 16.38%, to \$13.34 billion, at December 31, 2025.
- Loan to deposit ratio was 80.78% at December 31, 2025 compared to 79.37% at December 31, 2024.
- Asset quality showed continued strength with nonperforming assets totaling \$14.36 million, or 0.07% of total assets, at December 31, 2025, and \$7.87 million and 0.05%, respectively, at December 31, 2024. Nonperforming loans were 0.09% of period end loans at December 31, 2025 and 0.06% at December 31, 2024.
- Towne Insurance, with total annual revenue in 2025 of \$122.47 million, continued its pattern of growth and has the distinction of being the largest bank-owned insurance agency in the nation.
- Total equity at year-end was \$2.43 billion, a 13.13% increase from 2024 year-end. Under the guidelines of Basel III, TowneBank operates in excess of well-capitalized levels.
- The Company remained in first place in the most recent annual deposit market share report issued by the FDIC (based on June 30, 2025 deposit levels) for its Hampton Roads legacy market, with a 31.73% market share. Other notable top ten deposit market share positions include the Richmond, VA Metropolitan Statistical Area ("MSA") (5th place), the Raleigh, NC MSA (6th place), and the Greenville, NC MSA (5th place).
- The Company completed two bank acquisitions in 2025 and a third bank acquisition in January 2026 that added in the aggregate approximately \$4.52 billion towards the Company's growth and expanded its footprint into South Carolina and strengthened its position in existing markets.
- On April 1, 2025, TowneBank completed its acquisition of Village and its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Village Bank, headquartered in Midlothian, Virginia, in an all-cash transaction. The acquisition added approximately \$576.24 million in loans and approximately \$637.49 million in deposits.
- On September 1, 2025, TowneBank completed its acquisition of Old Point Financial Corporation, and its wholly owned bank subsidiary, The Old Point National Bank of Phoebus, and Old Point Trust & Financial Services, N.A, headquartered in Hampton, Virginia. The acquisition added approximately \$958.72 million in loans and approximately \$1.21 billion in deposits. The Company also acquired Old Point's trust subsidiary, rebranded as Towne Trust Company, that expands the Company's products and financial services to include trust administration, estate planning, and related investment management services.
- On January 12, 2026, the Company completed its acquisition of Dogwood, a North Carolina banking corporation headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina. The acquisition added approximately \$2.00 billion in loans and approximately \$1.93 billion in deposits. This acquisition extended the Company's footprint down the Interstate 85 corridor into Greenville and the upstate region of South Carolina and strengthened its position in key North Carolina markets while also opening new markets in eastern North Carolina (Wilmington, Morehead City, and Fayetteville) and in Charleston, South Carolina.

**2025 Compensation Highlights.** The Compensation Committee took the following compensation-related actions for 2025:

- **Base Salaries.** At its February 2025 meeting, the Compensation Committee increased the base salaries of Mr. Aston and Mr. Foster to \$1.545 million and \$1.133 million, respectively, effective as of March 1, 2025. In connection with entering into a new five-year employment agreement, the Compensation Committee increased the base salary of Mr. Littreal to \$950,000. The Compensation Committee also increased the base salary of Mr. Piccioli to \$566,500, effective as of March 1, 2025. Later in the year, the Compensation Committee increased the base salaries of Messrs. Morrison, and Piccioli, along with the other members of the Corporate Management Group (excluding Messrs. Aston, Foster and Littreal), by a 4% cost of living adjustment effective as of September 1, 2025. At its meeting in November, the Compensation Committee increased Mr. Foster's base salary to \$1.333 million, effective January 1, 2026, in connection with his agreement to extend the term of his employment agreement for five years.



- **Incentive Compensation.** Based on the Company's performance results, the Compensation Committee approved incentive awards in February 2026 equal to 61.5% of the average 2025 base salary for Messrs. Aston, Foster, and Littreal and 41% of the average 2025 base salary for the other NEOs and members of the Corporate Management Group. These amounts were slightly above their respective target incentive opportunities for which they were eligible. In the exercise of its discretion and consistent with its approach in previous years, the Compensation Committee determined that 75% of the incentive award will be paid in cash and 25% in the form of a restricted stock award vesting in equal annual installments over a three-year period, subject to the officer's continued service through the applicable vesting date.

**Say-On-Pay Results.** We held an advisory vote on the compensation of our NEOs ("say-on-pay") at our 2025 annual shareholders meeting. At that meeting, 97.27% of the votes cast on the say-on-pay proposal were cast in support of the compensation of the Company's NEOs.

While the 2025 shareholder vote continued to reflect strong support for our executive compensation programs, the Compensation Committee, the Board of Directors and executive management evaluate compensation programs each year to ensure the programs continue to align the interests of the executives with those of the Company's shareholders and continued to strengthen the linkage of pay to performance. The Compensation Committee plans to continue considering our shareholders' perspectives on an annual basis.

**Compensation Governance.** The Company maintains policies and practices that promote strong compensation governance. These policies and procedures require the Company to:

- Use various performance metrics to deter excessive risk taking by eliminating any incentive focus on a single performance goal.
- Balance short-term (cash) and long-term (equity) compensation to discourage short-term risk taking at the expense of long-term results.
- Use equity incentives to promote total return to shareholders, Company performance, and executive retention.
- Require meaningful stock ownership from our executive officers.
- Apply clawback features to all executive officer incentive pay in the event of an accounting restatement filed to correct a material non-compliance with financial reporting requirements, the material miscalculation of a financial measure used to determine the amount or vesting of incentive compensation, or reputational harm to the Company caused by the misconduct of an executive officer.
- Conduct reviews of annual incentive risks in conjunction with our Chief Risk Officer.
- Engage an independent compensation consultant who advises and reports directly to the Compensation Committee.
- Prohibit executive officers from engaging in hedging transactions in our common stock.
- Prohibit dividends on unvested equity awards, require one year minimum vesting period for equity awards, prohibit share recycling and repricing/discounting of stock options.
- Provide a shareholder say-on-pay vote.

## Executive Compensation Process

**Compensation Philosophy and Objectives.** TowneBank's primary goal is to create long-term value for our shareholders. We believe that the quality of our NEOs and their ability to successfully lead the Company is a critical component of achieving that goal. To that end, TowneBank's executive compensation program is designed to motivate, attract, and retain the leadership deemed essential to ensure the success of the Company. The program strives to align executive compensation with Company objectives, business strategy, and financial performance while avoiding excessive risk. In applying these principles, the Company seeks to:

- Reward executives for enhancing shareholder value;
- Support an environment that rewards performance with respect to the achievement of Company goals, as well as Company performance relative to industry competitors;
- Integrate compensation programs with the short- and long-term strategic plans of the Company; and



- Align the interests of executives with the long-term interests of shareholders through award opportunities that can result in ownership of stock.

**Role of the Compensation Committee.** The executive compensation programs are administered by or under the direction of the Compensation Committee, with Mr. Aston making compensation recommendations for executive officers other than himself and are reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that remuneration levels and benefits are competitive and reasonable using the principles described above. The particular elements of the compensation programs for such persons are set forth in more detail below.

The Compensation Committee generally targets the median of the total direct compensation (base, annual cash incentive, and equity) of our peer group in setting compensation levels of our NEOs, unless certain factors, such as performance or expertise, warrant a higher or lower competitive positioning.

In approving the compensation of the Named Executive Officers and other members of the Corporate Management Group, the Compensation Committee considers the overall financial, market, and competitive performance of the Company during the fiscal year under consideration. In addition, the Compensation Committee also considers the proper balance between certain financial performance measures, including earnings per share, loan growth, and the level of and/or increases in return on assets and return on equity, without encouraging short-term profitability through unreasonable risk taking or a deterioration of long-term asset quality.

The Compensation Committee also takes into account individual as well as combined measures of progress of the Company, including the quality of the loan and investment portfolios, desirable changes in capital ratios, the overall growth of the Company, earnings per share, deposit market share positions, the level of non-performing loans and real estate owned, the performance of the non-bank financial service companies, the results of bank regulatory exams and ratings, and other objectives as may be established by the Board of Directors.

The Compensation Committee operates under a written charter that establishes its responsibilities. The Compensation Committee reviews the charter annually to ensure that the scope of the charter is consistent with its expected role. A copy of the charter can be found on the Company's website at [www.townebank.com](http://www.townebank.com).

**Role of the Executive Chairman.** In 2025, the Compensation Committee made all compensation recommendations for Mr. Aston, in his role as Executive Chairman, after the annual review of his performance. Mr. Aston did not make recommendations with respect to his own compensation, nor was he present during the deliberations concerning his compensation.

With respect to the Company's other NEOs, the Compensation Committee considered salary and incentive recommendations prepared by Mr. Aston to establish compensation and approved equity awards to officers of the Company. The Compensation Committee may exercise its discretion in modifying any recommended adjustments to the compensation of the NEOs.

In 2026, it is anticipated that Mr. Aston, as Executive Chairman, will continue his role in making recommendations regarding the compensation of the Company's other NEOs and members of the Corporate Management Group. The Compensation Committee will continue to be solely responsible for determining Mr. Aston's compensation.

**Role of the Independent Compensation Consultant.** The Compensation Committee engages Meridian Compensation Partners, LLC ("Meridian") to perform executive compensation consulting services. The Compensation Committee has utilized the consulting services of Meridian, beginning after the 2024 annual meeting of shareholders, to facilitate the executive officer compensation process and other executive officer compensation initiatives. Meridian is an independent compensation consultant without any previous relationship to the Company's management. Meridian reports directly to the Compensation Committee, which retains sole authority to select, retain, terminate, and approve the fees and other retention terms of its relationship with Meridian.

The Compensation Committee analyzes whether the work of Meridian as a compensation consultant has raised any conflict of interest, taking into consideration the factors set forth in Rule 10C-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and applicable Nasdaq rules. The Compensation Committee has determined that the work of Meridian and the individual compensation advisors employed by Meridian as compensation consultants to the Company has not created any conflict of interest.



**Role of Benchmarking.** The Company competes against a wide range of financial institutions, including local, regional and national banks, as well as numerous other financial service providers. Due to the significant market share position of the regional and national banks in the Company's key markets, coupled with the Company's growth, the Company primarily competes with these larger institutions for executive talent.

The Compensation Committee reviewed the compensation programs and philosophies of the major banks operating in the Company's markets, and other competitive data available to the committee. The Compensation Committee seeks to provide a comprehensive compensation opportunity for its executives commensurate with the market for talent.

The Compensation Committee, with the advice of its independent compensation consultant, regularly reviews the composition of the peer group of selected banking organizations to determine whether any updates are appropriate. Potential peer group companies are considered using the following screening criteria:

- **Geography:** Initial screen for companies headquartered in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions.
- **Size:** Initial range of approximately 0.5x – 2x the Company's asset size. Banks below \$10 billion in assets were ultimately excluded.
- **Business Model:** Reasonably similar business model as indicated by loan portfolio mix and revenue characteristics.
- **Additional Considerations:** Although they exceeded the desired 2x size-based parameters by a considerable margin, Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. and SouthState Corporation were included for strategic reasons due to their overlapping market areas with TowneBank and the fact that we compete with each organization for talent and business.

The Compensation Committee ultimately approved a peer group that included the 20 banking organizations listed below with median assets of \$26.65 billion and ranging in assets from \$12.61 billion to \$65.89 billion as of June 30, 2025, and with operations weighted towards the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions. For purposes of setting compensation levels in 2025, the Compensation Committee determined that the banking organizations listed below continued to serve as an appropriate basis of comparison.

| Company Name                      | Ticker | Company Name                            | Ticker |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|--------|
| Ameris Bancorp                    | ABCB   | Renasant Corporation                    | RNST   |
| Atlantic Union Bankshares Corp.   | AUB    | Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida | SBCF   |
| Bank OZK                          | OZK    | ServisFirst Bancshares, Inc.            | SFBS   |
| Customers Bancorp, Inc.           | CUBI   | Simmons First National Corporation      | SFNC   |
| First Bancorp                     | FBNC   | SouthState Corporation                  | SSB    |
| First Financial Bancorp           | FFBC   | Trustmark Corporation                   | TRMK   |
| FB Financial Corp                 | FBK    | United Bankshares, Inc.                 | UBSI   |
| Fulton Financial Corporation      | FULT   | United Community Banks, Inc.            | UCB    |
| Home BancShares, Inc.             | HOMB   | WesBanco, Inc.                          | WSBC   |
| Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. | PNFP   | WSFS Financial Corporation              | WSFS   |

## 2025 Executive Compensation Decisions

**Base Salary.** The Company provides the NEOs and other employees with a base salary to compensate them for services rendered during the year. Base salary levels for the NEOs are primarily determined by the Compensation Committee for each executive based on his position and responsibility and what the committee deems necessary or appropriate to attract the level of competence needed for the position. Length of service, experience, and job performance are also considered.

The Compensation Committee reviews base salary levels annually and focuses on individual performance from prior years, current industry conditions, and current market considerations to ensure that base salary levels for the Company's NEOs and other executive officers are competitive within a range that the committee considers to be reasonable and necessary.



The Compensation Committee generally targets the median of the total direct compensation (base, annual cash incentive and equity) of our peer group in setting compensation levels for our NEOs, unless certain factors, such as performance or expertise, warrant a higher or lower competitive positioning. Compared to our peer group, the mix of the elements of total direct compensation has typically been more heavily weighted towards base salary. However, the level of total compensation, after taking into account all the various elements of compensation, targeted by the Compensation Committee for the NEOs and other members of the Corporate Management Group compares favorably with the Company's peer group.

In 2025, the Compensation Committee took the following actions regarding the base salaries for the NEOs.

- **Executive Chairman.** At its meeting in February 2025, the Compensation Committee increased Mr. Aston's base salary by 3%, from \$1.50 million to \$1.545 million, effective March 1, 2025.
- **President and Chief Executive Officer.** At its meeting in February 2025, the Compensation Committee increased Mr. Foster's base salary by 3%, from \$1.1 million to \$1.133 million, effective March 1, 2025. At its meeting in November 2025, the Compensation Committee decided that an increase in Mr. Foster's base salary to \$1.333 million, effective January 1, 2026, was appropriate in recognition of his important leadership role in the Company and his agreement to extend the term of his employment agreement for five years through December 31, 2030.
- **Other NEOs.** In connection with entering into a new five-year employment agreement and based on the Compensation Committee's determination that Mr. Littreal's continued contribution to the growth and success of the Company warranted a significant market adjustment, the Compensation Committee increased his base salary to \$950,000 effective as of January 1, 2025. The Compensation Committee also increased the base salary of Mr. Piccioli to \$566,500, effective as of March 1, 2025. Later in the year, the Compensation Committee increased the base salaries of Messrs. Morrison and Piccioli, along with the other members of the Corporate Management Group (excluding Messrs. Aston, Foster and Littreal), by a 4% cost of living adjustment effective as of September 1, 2025.

The table below shows the base salary of the NEOs in effect at December 31, 2025 and 2024. As noted above, the base salaries for the NEOs were increased at different times during the year. Taking these base salary increases into account, the average base salaries for the NEOs in 2025 were as follows: Mr. Aston – \$1,537,500; Mr. Foster – \$1,127,500; Mr. Littreal – \$950,000; Mr. Morrison – \$833,613; and Mr. Piccioli – \$571,392. The calculation of the incentive awards described below was based on the average base salary amount. See the Summary Compensation Table on page 31 for more information.

|                       | Base Salary Level<br>at December 31, 2025 | Base Salary Level<br>at December 31, 2024 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| G. Robert Aston, Jr.  | \$1,545,000                               | \$1,500,000                               |
| William I. Foster III | \$1,133,000                               | \$1,100,000                               |
| William B. Littreal   | \$ 950,000                                | \$ 772,500                                |
| William T. Morrison   | \$ 856,960                                | \$ 824,000                                |
| Ernest S. Piccioli    | \$ 589,160                                | \$ 556,200                                |

**Incentive Awards Paid/Granted in 2026 for 2025 Performance.** The 2025 incentive plan used pre-established goals set by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of the year. As reflected in the table below, the Compensation Committee established a separate incentive opportunity for the Executive Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer. These individuals had a target award incentive opportunity of 60% average base salary, with the actual award to be between 0% (below threshold) to 75% (maximum) of average base salary depending on actual results. The other NEOs and members of the Corporate Management Group had a target award incentive opportunity of 40% of average base salary, with the actual award to be between 0% (below threshold) to 50% (maximum) of average base salary depending on actual results. No adjustments were made to the pre-established goals during the course of the year.

|                                                   | Award Payout as a % of Average Base Salary |        |         |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
|                                                   | Threshold                                  | Target | Maximum |
| Executive Chairman, CEO, and CFO                  | 30%                                        | 60%    | 75%     |
| Other NEOs and Corporate Management Group Members | 20%                                        | 40%    | 50%     |

The plan included three performance measures.

- **Core Earnings per Share ("EPS"– 50% weighting).** For purposes of the plan, the Company defined core EPS as net income, less non-recurring items, divided by diluted shares. The Company reported core EPS of \$3.02, exceeding the superior level performance of \$2.80.



- **Core Return on Average Assets (core “ROAA” – 30% weighting).** For purposes of the plan, the Company defined core ROAA as net income, less tax effective realized gains (losses) on securities and nonrecurring items plus tax effective intangible amortization, divided by average assets. The Company achieved a core ROAA of 1.22%, which was benchmarked against the performance of the companies included in the proxy peer group listed on page 24 using the bands indicated in the table below. The Company achieved Threshold level performance (the peer median was 1.30%).

| Award Payout Levels for Peer Percentiles |        |         |
|------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Threshold                                | Target | Maximum |
| 30-50%                                   | 51-75% | ≥ 76%   |

- **Strategic Quality Measures (20% weighting).** The Compensation Committee evaluated certain strategic quality measures, including among others revenue growth, credit quality, liquidity, regulatory ratings, and deposit market share growth. The Compensation Committee also took into account the three bank acquisitions the Company successfully executed. Based on its qualitative assessment, the Compensation Committee determined that the Company achieved at superior level performance.

The Compensation Committee had the right to decrease, modify, or eliminate the incentive opportunity based on the Company’s performance and other factors the committee wished to consider.

Based on the Compensation Committee’s assessment of the Company’s performance level in 2025, the Compensation Committee approved incentive awards in February 2026 to Messrs. Aston, Foster, and Littreal equal in value to 61.5% of their average base salary for 2025 and to Messrs. Morrison and Piccioli and the other members of the Corporate Management Group equal in value to 41% of their average base salary for 2025.

| Performance Metrics        | Measurement            | Weighting | Actual Result | Earned Payout <sup>(1)</sup>     |            |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------|
|                            |                        |           |               | Executive Chairman, CEO, and CFO | Other NEOs |
| Core Earnings per Share    | Company Performance    | 50%       | Superior      | 37.50%                           | 25.00%     |
| Core ROAA                  | Performance to Peer    | 30%       | Threshold     | 9.00%                            | 6.00%      |
| Strategic Quality Measures | Qualitative Assessment | 20%       | Superior      | 15.00%                           | 10.00%     |
|                            |                        | 100%      |               | 61.50%                           | 41.00%     |

(1) As a percentage of average base salary.

As indicated in the table below and in the exercise of its discretion, the Committee approved 75% of the incentive award to be paid in cash and 25% in the form of a restricted stock award, vesting in equal annual installments over a three-year period and subject to the officer’s continued service through the applicable vesting date. Because the Summary Compensation Table reports equity-based awards only in the year in which they were granted, the value of these restricted stock awards is not reported as compensation to the NEOs in this Proxy Statement.

| Name                  | Maximum Opportunity as a Percentage of Average Base Salary | Maximum Award | Actual Cash Award | Long-Term Equity Incentive Award <sup>(1)</sup> | Total Actual Award <sup>(2)</sup> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| G. Robert Aston, Jr.  | 75%                                                        | \$1,153,125   | \$709,172         | \$236,391                                       | \$945,563                         |
| William I. Foster III | 75%                                                        | \$ 845,625    | \$520,059         | \$173,353                                       | \$693,412                         |
| William B. Littreal   | 75%                                                        | \$ 712,500    | \$438,187         | \$146,063                                       | \$584,250                         |
| William T. Morrison   | 50%                                                        | \$ 416,807    | \$256,336         | \$ 85,445                                       | \$341,781                         |
| Ernest S. Piccioli    | 50%                                                        | \$ 285,696    | \$175,703         | \$ 58,568                                       | \$234,271                         |

- (1) Consists of restricted stock award grants payable in shares of Company common stock that vest at the rate of one-third/year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, based on a service requirement that requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date. Per the reporting requirements, the grant date fair value of these equity incentive awards will be reported in the Summary Compensation Table in next year’s proxy statement.
- (2) Represents 61.5% of the 2025 average base salaries for Messrs. Aston, Foster, and Littreal and 41.0% of the 2025 average base salaries for Messrs. Morrison and Piccioli.



**Long-Term Equity Grants.** In November 2025, the Company entered into agreements with Mr. Foster and Mr. Littreal which, among other things, extended their respective employment agreement terms for an initial five-year period that will expire on December 31, 2030, subject to automatic extensions. See “Named Executive Officer Compensation—Employee Agreements and Change-in-Control Agreements” on page 35. In recognition of their contributions to the growth and success of the Company and in connection with extending their employment agreement terms, the Compensation Committee approved the granting of a long-term equity award and special cash signing bonus to each officer.

The equity grants, which took the form of restricted stock awards, vest in equal annual installments over a three-year period based on continued service through each vesting date. The grant date value of the equity award for Mr. Foster was \$500,000, which corresponded to 15,485 shares based on the Company’s closing stock price on the November 19, 2025 grant date. The grant date value of the equity award for Mr. Littreal was \$350,000, which corresponded to 10,840 shares based on the Company’s closing stock price of the November 19, 2025 grant date.

The special cash signing bonus was \$250,000 for Mr. Foster and \$150,000 for Mr. Littreal.

At its February 2025 meeting, the Compensation Committee approved, at the recommendation of Mr. Aston, a retention equity grant to Mr. Piccioli that took the form of a restricted stock award that vests in equal installments over two years. The grant date value of the equity award was \$400,000, which corresponded to 10,846 shares based on the Company’s closing stock price at the February 28, 2025 grant date.

## 2026 Executive Compensation Decisions

**Focus on Management Succession.** As an important part of the Company’s strategic plan initiatives, the Board of Directors began the process of developing a new five-year management succession plan. To ensure the continuity of executive management during this process, towards the end of 2025 the Company entered into new five-year employment agreements with Messrs. Foster and Littreal as discussed above. In connection with closing the acquisition of Dogwood State Bank in January 2026, the Company entered into a five-year employment agreement with Steven W. Jones, the Chief Executive Officer of Dogwood, to join the executive management team to serve as President of the Carolinas. All three agreements expire on December 31, 2030, subject to automatic renewals. An additional step was taken by automatically allowing the renewal of the employment agreements for the other members of the Corporate Management Group for up to three years.

On March 20, 2026, the Board of Directors completed the process of ensuring the continuity of executive management by entering into an amended and restated employment agreement with Mr. Aston that replaced his prior employment and change in control agreements with the Company. The five-year term of the new employment agreement, which runs through December 31, 2030, aligns with the terms of the agreements for Messrs. Foster, Littreal, and Jones. In preparing the Company for the next decade of growth, the Board of Directors will now be in a better position to fully assess and expand the talent pool to help ensure TowneBank’s continued success for the benefit of all its stakeholders.

In light of Mr. Aston’s unique contributions to the growth and success of Company, including his pivotal role as founder of the Company and his long tenure as Chief Executive Officer and then as Executive Chairman since the Company’s founding in 1999, the Board of Directors and Compensation Committee determined that it was a high priority to ensure Mr. Aston’s continued leadership of the Company’s strategic initiatives and long-term management succession planning. During 2025 and early 2026, the Compensation Committee engaged in discussions with Mr. Aston regarding a new employment agreement to extend the term of his employment and include performance incentives tied to the successful integration of Company’s recently acquired banks and to the development of the Company’s future leaders.

**New Employment Agreement with Mr. Aston.** Pursuant to Mr. Aston’s new employment agreement, Mr. Aston will receive an annual base salary of no less than \$1,545,000, and he will be eligible to receive performance-based cash and equity incentive compensation as determined by the Board of Directors or Compensation Committee pursuant to the incentive plans then in effect. Mr. Aston received a signing bonus in connection with entering into the agreement. The signing bonus consisted of a lump sum cash payment equal to \$750,000 and a restricted stock award grant of 22,971 shares, which had a market value of approximately \$750,000 based on the closing price of the Company’s common stock on the grant date. The shares of restricted stock will vest in equal annual installments over two years.

Following the Company’s 2025 acquisitions of Village Bank and Trust Financial Corp. and Old Point Financial Corporation, and its 2026 acquisition of Dogwood State Bank, and in consideration of the importance of those transactions to the future of the Company, the Board of Directors approved a transaction success incentive for Mr. Aston. Mr. Aston will have the opportunity to earn a cash bonus of up to \$2,500,000 tied to the successful conversion and integration of those businesses into the



Company. The transaction success incentive will be contingent on the achievement of certain performance milestones, which will be developed by the Compensation Committee, over a performance period that commenced on March 20, 2026, the effective date of the new employment agreement, and will end on the first anniversary of the date of the employment agreement. The incentive will also be contingent on Mr. Aston's continued employment with the Company on the vesting dates, subject to accelerated vesting under certain circumstances.

The Board of Directors also approved a leadership continuity incentive for Mr. Aston to help bolster the Company's long-term management succession planning in light of its recent acquisitions and potential future growth. Mr. Aston will have the opportunity to earn a cash bonus of up to \$2,000,000 tied to the development of the next generation of leadership at the Company. The leadership continuity incentive will be contingent on the achievement of certain performance milestones, which will be developed by the Compensation Committee, over a performance period that commenced on the March 20, 2026 effective date of the employment agreement and will end on the second anniversary of the date of the employment agreement. The incentive will also be contingent on Mr. Aston's continued employment with the Company on the vesting date, subject to accelerated vesting under certain circumstances.

**New Life Insurance Agreements with Mr. Aston.** On March 20, 2026, the Company entered into an amended and restated life insurance agreement with Mr. Aston and the trustees of three separate irrevocable life insurance trusts established by Mr. Aston for the benefit of certain family members. The amended life insurance agreement amends and supersedes Mr. Aston's prior split dollar life insurance agreement with the Company and certain trusts. The parties have agreed that ownership of the entire \$10 million life insurance policy that was the subject of the prior split dollar life insurance agreement will be transferred to the three trusts. Because it is a term policy with no cash surrender value, the transfer of the life insurance policy has no balance sheet impact on the Company. The Company has agreed to pay all policy premiums until the earlier of Mr. Aston's death and 2040. Upon the death of Mr. Aston, each of the trusts is entitled to its respective share of the death benefits of the policy.

Also on March 20, 2026, the Company entered into a new split dollar life insurance agreement with Mr. Aston to formalize an existing arrangement with respect to the underlying insurance policy. Under the terms of the split dollar agreement, the Company will continue to own the life insurance policy and control all rights of ownership with respect to the policy and will pay all required premiums to keep the policy in effect during Mr. Aston's lifetime. The face amount of the policy is \$2 million. Upon the death of Mr. Aston, 50% of the death benefit of the policy will be paid to the Company, and the remaining 50% will be paid to Mr. Aston's designated beneficiary.

## Other Aspects of Our Executive Compensation Program

**Stock Ownership Guidelines.** The Company's stock ownership guidelines call for the NEOs to own equity representing a multiple of their salary and to retain this equity throughout their tenure with the Company. The specific ownership guidelines are:

- Executive Chairman – three times base salary;
- Chief Executive Officer – three times base salary;
- President (if not also the Chief Executive Officer) – two times base salary; and
- Other NEOs – one times base salary.

The ownership threshold for directors is \$100,000 aggregate value of the Company's common stock.

Shares counting toward the ownership guidelines include shares owned directly and indirectly (e.g., by a spouse or trust); shares held in benefit plans and time-vested equity awards granted under the Company's stock incentive plan. Unexercised stock options, unearned performance shares and units, and pledged shares are not counted toward meeting the ownership guidelines.

The value of the Company's common stock held by a director or NEO is based on the average closing price of the Company's common stock for the last 10 trading days of the applicable year. As of January 1, 2026, with three exceptions, all of the directors and NEOs satisfied their respective stock ownership requirements. Mr. Foster became the President and Chief Executive Officer as of January 1, 2023, and is taking appropriate steps to accumulate ownership as permitted for a new Chief Executive Officer by the ownership guidelines. Dr. Shetty joined the Board on March 1, 2024 and Mr. Jenkins joined the Board on April 1, 2025. While they did not satisfy the ownership guidelines for a new Director as of January 1, 2026, they have since acquired a sufficient number of additional shares of the Company's common stock to meet the ownership threshold.



**Clawback of Incentive-Based Compensation.** The Board of Directors believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to maintain a culture that emphasizes integrity and accountability. Consistent with that philosophy, the Company has adopted a policy that provides for the recovery of incentive-based compensation paid to the Company's executive officers and certain other employees if the Company has to prepare an accounting restatement or correct a material miscalculation of a financial measure used to determine the amount or vesting of incentive compensation. The policy also allows for the recovery of incentive-based compensation if the misconduct of an executive officer causes serious reputational harm to the Company.

In the event of a restatement or material miscalculation of a financial measure, the policy will be triggered and will apply to any incentive-based cash or equity compensation granted, earned or vested, the amount of which was calculated based wholly or in part on the attainment of any financial reporting measure based on: (i) accounting principles using the Company's financial statements and any measures derived wholly or in part from such measures; (ii) stock price; or (iii) total shareholder return. The Company will recover any incentive compensation that is in excess of what would have been paid or granted based on the restated financial information or corrected financial measure, as the case may be, during the three completed fiscal years preceding the date on which the Board of Directors determines an accounting restatement is required to be filed or that a material miscalculation of any financial performance measure used to determine the amount or vesting of incentive compensation occurred. The policy applies to each executive officer of the Company, regardless of whether the individual was responsible for the accounting restatement or miscalculation of any financial performance measure. The policy also applies to an employee who the Board determines was directly responsible for such restatement or miscalculation.

If the Board of Directors determines that an executive officer has engaged in misconduct that causes, or is reasonably likely to cause, serious reputational harm to the Company or any client or former client of the Company, the Company may recover any incentive-based compensation received by the executive officer during the three completed fiscal years preceding such determination.

The Company's incentive compensation clawback policy complies with Nasdaq's final listing standards implementing the incentive compensation clawback rule adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission as mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act.

**Compensation Programs that Affect Risk Management.** The Company uses incentive compensation plans for a large number of its employees in addition to our executive officers. The Company has business unit incentive plans that reward measurable performance across its three major business segments: Banking, Realty, and Insurance. The Company has employment compensation plans and arrangements with non-executive employees that provide variable cash compensation bonus, commission, or incentive payments. Each arrangement is available to a different set of employees, and the amount received differs depending on the level of job responsibility and plan objectives. The majority of these arrangements related to commissions paid to mortgage loan officers, insurance agents, and investment brokers are in lieu of or in addition to a base salary. The mortgage loan officers are compensated based on loan origination volume, which is subject to approval by a separate credit underwriting approval process. The Company does not believe that the risks which may arise from its compensation policies and practices are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

**Benefits.** During 2025, the Company maintained various employee benefit plans that constitute a portion of the total compensation package available to NEOs and all eligible employees of the Company. These plans consist of the following:

- **Stock Incentive Plan.** The Company maintains a stock incentive plan that is designed to attract and retain qualified personnel in key positions and provide employees with a proprietary interest in the Company as an incentive to contribute to the success of the Company. The stock incentive plan provides for the grant of stock options and stock awards, including restricted stock awards and restricted stock units. The plan prohibits the payment of dividends or similar distributions on awards, whether subject to time-based or performance-based vesting, unless and until the vesting requirements have been met, requires a minimum one-year vesting period for awards granted under the plan, prohibits the repricing of stock options, and prohibits share recycling.

The Compensation Committee administers the plan, and each member of the committee is a "non-employee director" as defined in Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Unless sooner terminated, the stock incentive plan will remain in effect until April 2035.

- **401(k) Plan.** The Company has adopted a defined contribution plan established in accordance with Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "401(k) Plan"). Employees of the Company are eligible to participate in their second month of employment. Under the 401(k) Plan, employees may contribute a percentage of their annual salary, subject to statutory limitations. The Company may make matching and discretionary contributions under the 401(k) Plan. Employer contributions, if any, vest 20% after each year of service, until fully vested after five years of service.

In 2025, the Company matched employee contributions up to 3.0% of their salary. There were no additional discretionary contributions in 2025.

- **Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.** The Company established a SERP on December 1, 2008, to provide supplemental retirement benefits to certain officers covered under the plan as selected by the Compensation Committee.

The SERP agreements with the officers generally provide that upon the later of separation of service or the attainment of retirement age, usually at age 65, the participating officer will be entitled to receive a retirement benefit equal to either (1) a designated percentage, ranging from 30% to 50% of their designated base salary depending on their level of seniority, with an annual 4% increase until retirement, or (2) a fixed targeted benefit amount.

The retirement benefit is payable over a 15-year period, beginning at attainment of retirement age. The SERP agreements provide for an annual vesting schedule until the participating officer reaches the planned retirement age.

In the case of a participating officer's voluntary termination of employment, disability, or termination for cause, the annual amount payable under the SERP is equal to the amount of the vested benefit earned as of the date of termination of employment. In the case of involuntary termination without cause or termination of employment for good reason by the participating officer, the participating officer becomes fully vested in the full retirement benefit. Upon termination of employment, payment of the retirement benefit does not begin until the participating officer reaches the designated retirement age set forth in the SERP agreement and is subject to certain loyalty and confidentiality covenants, including non-competition, non-solicitation, and other restrictions. In the event of death, the full amount of the retirement benefit is payable.

The Company invested in bank-owned life insurance as a financing strategy to offset the cost of the nonqualified benefits through a combination of incremental tax-effected earnings and tax-free death benefits to the Company as beneficiary.

- **Nonqualified Deferred Compensation.** The NEOs, in addition to certain other eligible executives, are entitled to participate in the TowneBank Deferred Compensation Plan. Pursuant to the Deferred Compensation Plan, eligible employees can defer up to 100% of base salary and/or annual bonus on an annual basis. Deferral elections are made by eligible executives in November of each year for amounts to be earned in the following year.

The Company has the option to match an employee's nonqualified deferred compensation deferrals up to a maximum of 6% of his or her salary. In addition, the Company has the option to make additional matching contributions to employees whose matching contributions were limited in the 401(k) Plan due to statutory limitations. The Company does not match deferrals made by employees who are participants in the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan. Compensation deferred pursuant to the plan is invested in a rabbi trust and participants are credited with an annual return equal to 120% of the long-term applicable federal rate as published and effective each July.

There was no Company match of contributions made by Named Executive Officers in 2025.

- **Health and Welfare Plans.** The NEOs are eligible to participate in Company-sponsored benefit plans on the same terms and conditions as those generally provided to salaried employees. Basic health benefits, dental benefits and similar programs are provided to make certain that access to healthcare and income protection is available to employees and their family members.

The cost of Company-sponsored benefit plans is negotiated with the providers of such benefits, and the executive officers contribute to the cost of the benefits. In accordance with terms of their respective employment agreements, the Company also provides post-retirement benefits. These post-retirement benefits include healthcare, dental care, Medicare Part B reimbursement and life insurance benefits.

- **Other.** The Company has no other long-term incentive, defined benefit or actuarial plans covering employees of the Company.

**Tax Deductibility of Compensation.** The Compensation Committee annually reviews and considers the deductibility under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of the compensation paid to our executive officers, which includes each of the NEOs. Generally, compensation paid to our executive officers in excess of \$1 million may not be deductible for tax purposes. While the Company will monitor guidance and developments in this area, the Compensation Committee believes that its primary responsibility is to provide a compensation program that attracts, retains and rewards the executive talent necessary for our success. Consequently, the Compensation Committee may pay or provide, and has paid or provided, compensation that is not tax deductible or is otherwise limited as to tax deductibility.



# NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth information regarding compensation for services rendered by the Named Executive Officers for the periods indicated.

## Summary Compensation Table

| Name and Principal Position                                                                      | Year | Salary      | Bonus     | Stock Awards <sup>(1)</sup> | Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation <sup>(2)</sup> | Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings <sup>(3)</sup> | All Other Compensation <sup>(4)</sup> | Total       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>G. Robert Aston, Jr.</b><br>Executive Chairman                                                | 2025 | \$1,537,500 | —         | \$133,764                   | \$709,172                                             | \$234,244                                                                              | \$83,971                              | \$2,698,651 |
|                                                                                                  | 2024 | \$1,500,000 | —         | \$350,031                   | \$401,250                                             | \$690,477                                                                              | \$75,664                              | \$3,017,422 |
|                                                                                                  | 2023 | \$1,000,000 | —         | \$112,524                   | —                                                     | \$470,186                                                                              | \$65,862                              | \$1,648,572 |
| <b>William I. Foster III</b><br>President & Chief Executive Officer                              | 2025 | \$1,127,500 | \$250,000 | \$588,044                   | \$520,059                                             | \$802,346                                                                              | \$29,139                              | \$3,317,088 |
|                                                                                                  | 2024 | \$1,104,738 | —         | \$350,031                   | \$264,000                                             | \$821,679                                                                              | \$31,423                              | \$2,571,871 |
|                                                                                                  | 2023 | \$ 900,000  | —         | \$ 67,879                   | —                                                     | \$457,917                                                                              | \$38,737                              | \$1,464,533 |
| <b>William B. Littreal</b><br>Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer          | 2025 | \$ 950,000  | \$150,000 | \$410,507                   | \$438,187                                             | \$199,119                                                                              | \$44,194                              | \$2,192,007 |
|                                                                                                  | 2024 | \$ 755,625  | —         | \$350,031                   | \$181,350                                             | \$346,843                                                                              | \$45,136                              | \$1,678,985 |
|                                                                                                  | 2023 | \$ 750,000  | —         | \$ 72,003                   | —                                                     | \$233,371                                                                              | \$44,225                              | \$1,099,599 |
| <b>William T. Morrison</b><br>President & CEO<br>Towne Financial Services Group                  | 2025 | \$ 833,613  | —         | \$ 64,503                   | \$256,336                                             | \$287,629                                                                              | \$45,665                              | \$1,487,746 |
|                                                                                                  | 2024 | \$ 806,000  | —         | \$200,003                   | \$193,440                                             | \$367,154                                                                              | \$38,356                              | \$1,604,953 |
|                                                                                                  | 2023 | \$ 800,000  | —         | \$400,022                   | —                                                     | \$170,919                                                                              | \$40,872                              | \$1,411,813 |
| <b>Ernest S. Piccioli</b><br>Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Risk Officer <sup>(5)</sup> | 2025 | \$ 571,392  | —         | \$443,555                   | \$175,703                                             | \$173,420                                                                              | \$31,693                              | \$1,395,763 |
|                                                                                                  | 2024 | \$ 544,050  | —         | \$200,003                   | \$130,572                                             | \$161,918                                                                              | \$25,089                              | \$1,061,632 |
|                                                                                                  | 2023 | \$ 339,546  | —         | \$310,022                   | \$ —                                                  | \$ 70,863                                                                              | \$11,662                              | \$ 732,093  |

- (1) Amounts reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of stock awards computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. The assumptions made in the valuation of the restricted stock awards are set forth in Note 15 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in TowneBank's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025.
- (2) Consists of cash incentive compensation paid to the officers as described under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" beginning on page 20. For 2025 performance, Mr. Aston, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Littreal earned an incentive award equal in value to 61.5% of their average base salary for 2025 and Mr. Morrison and Mr. Piccioli earned an incentive award equal in value to 41% of their average base salary, 75% of which was paid as a cash award and 25% of which was paid through the issuance of restricted stock granted in February 2026 and which vests in equal installments over a three year period. For 2024 performance, the officers earned an incentive award equal in value to 32% of their average base salary for 2024, except for Mr. Aston whose incentive award represents 35.7% of his average base salary for 2024, 75% of which was paid as a cash award and 25% of which was paid through the issuance of restricted stock granted in February 2025 and which vests in equal installments over a three year period. For 2023 performance, the officers did not earn an incentive award.
- (3) Reflects the change in actuarial present value of SERP benefits. All amounts are paid in equal monthly installments over a 15-year period upon attainment of retirement age, other than the amounts for Mr. Morrison, which includes his Monarch SERP that consists of amounts to be paid in equal monthly installments over a 10 year period. Accounting rules require that the expense be recorded over the participant's remaining service period prior to attainment of retirement eligibility.

## NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS COMPENSATION

(4) For 2025, All Other Compensation amounts include:

| Name                  | 401(k) Plan Contributions | Benefit Premium Credit | Personal Usage of a Company Automobile | Company-Paid Travel | Bank Owned Life Insurance | Other    | Total <sup>(a)</sup> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| G. Robert Aston, Jr.  | \$10,500                  | \$ 6,931               | \$ 5,768                               | —                   | \$58,740                  | \$ 2,032 | \$83,971             |
| William I. Foster III | \$10,500                  | \$11,367               | \$ 3,115                               | —                   | —                         | \$ 4,157 | \$29,139             |
| William B. Littreal   | \$10,500                  | \$11,367               | \$13,087                               | —                   | —                         | \$ 9,240 | \$44,194             |
| William T. Morrison   | \$10,500                  | —                      | \$14,031                               | \$7,691             | —                         | \$13,443 | \$45,665             |
| Ernest S. Piccioli    | \$10,500                  | —                      | \$14,117                               | —                   | —                         | \$ 7,076 | \$31,693             |

(a) Each NEO is responsible for paying income tax on the amounts other than with respect to plan contributions and insurance premiums.

(5) Mr. Piccioli joined the Company on May 15, 2023.

## Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The Company's stock incentive plan provides for the grant of both incentive and nonqualified stock options and stock awards, including restricted stock and restricted stock units, to executives and key employees of the Company. Executives and key employees of the Company may also receive incentive compensation in the form of annual cash bonuses. The following table shows: (i) the non-equity (cash) incentive awards granted to the NEOs for 2025 performance; and (ii) the stock awards granted to the NEOs in 2025 for their contributions to the growth and success of the Company.

| Name                         | Grant Date | Actual Cash Payout <sup>(1)</sup> | Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(2)</sup> |           |           | Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards |        |         | All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units | Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards <sup>(3)</sup> |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                              |            |                                   | Threshold                                                                      | Target    | Maximum   | Threshold                                                   | Target | Maximum |                                                            |                                                                 |
| <b>G. Robert Aston, Jr.</b>  | N/A        | \$709,172                         | \$345,938                                                                      | \$691,875 | \$864,844 | —                                                           | —      | —       | —                                                          | —                                                               |
|                              | 2/28/2025  | —                                 | —                                                                              | —         | —         | —                                                           | —      | —       | 3,627                                                      | \$133,764                                                       |
| <b>William I. Foster III</b> | N/A        | \$520,059                         | \$253,688                                                                      | \$507,375 | \$634,219 | —                                                           | —      | —       | —                                                          | —                                                               |
|                              | 2/28/2025  | —                                 | —                                                                              | —         | —         | —                                                           | —      | —       | 2,387                                                      | \$ 88,033                                                       |
|                              | 11/20/2025 | —                                 | —                                                                              | —         | —         | —                                                           | —      | —       | 15,485                                                     | \$500,011                                                       |
| <b>William B. Littreal</b>   | N/A        | \$438,187                         | \$213,750                                                                      | \$427,500 | \$534,375 | —                                                           | —      | —       | —                                                          | —                                                               |
|                              | 2/28/2025  | —                                 | —                                                                              | —         | —         | —                                                           | —      | —       | 1,640                                                      | \$ 60,483                                                       |
|                              | 11/20/2025 | —                                 | —                                                                              | —         | —         | —                                                           | —      | —       | 10,840                                                     | \$350,024                                                       |
| <b>William T. Morrison</b>   | N/A        | \$256,336                         | \$125,042                                                                      | \$250,084 | \$312,605 | —                                                           | —      | —       | —                                                          | —                                                               |
|                              | 2/28/2025  | —                                 | —                                                                              | —         | —         | —                                                           | —      | —       | 1,749                                                      | \$ 64,503                                                       |
| <b>Ernest S. Piccioli</b>    | N/A        | \$175,703                         | \$ 85,709                                                                      | \$171,418 | \$214,272 | —                                                           | —      | —       | —                                                          | —                                                               |
|                              | 2/28/2025  | —                                 | —                                                                              | —         | —         | —                                                           | —      | —       | 1,181                                                      | \$ 43,555                                                       |
|                              | 2/28/2025  | —                                 | —                                                                              | —         | —         | —                                                           | —      | —       | 10,846                                                     | \$400,000                                                       |

(1) Actual cash awards paid in 2026 for the 2025 incentive are reflected in the "Summary Compensation Table" under the Non-Equity Incentive Compensation column. See that table and related footnote (2) for more information.

(2) Amounts represent the range of possible annual cash incentive payouts for 2025 performance.

(3) Amounts reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of stock awards computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. The assumptions made in the valuation of the restricted stock awards are set forth in note 15 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in TowneBank's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025.

With respect to 2025 performance, the Compensation Committee determined that 75% of the total incentive award value should be paid in cash and 25% in the form of restricted stock that will vest over a three year period, beginning in 2027. The restricted stock awards for 2025 performance are not included in the table above (or in the Summary Compensation Table on the preceding page) because the applicable compensation disclosure rules provide that restricted stock awards should be reflected only in the year in which they are granted (in this case, the restricted stock awards were granted in February 2026).



## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table provides certain information on the unexercised options and value of restricted stock previously awarded to the NEOs at December 31, 2025.

| Name                         | Stock Awards                                            |                                                                              |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                              | Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested | Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested <sup>(1)</sup> | Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested | Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested <sup>(1)</sup> |
| <b>G. Robert Aston, Jr.</b>  | 1,236 <sup>(5)</sup>                                    | \$ 41,245                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 7,769 <sup>(8)</sup>                                    | \$259,252                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 3,627 <sup>(9)</sup>                                    | \$121,033                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>William I. Foster III</b> | 10,256 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | \$342,243                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 746 <sup>(5)</sup>                                      | \$ 24,894                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 7,769 <sup>(8)</sup>                                    | \$259,252                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 2,387 <sup>(9)</sup>                                    | \$ 79,654                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 15,485 <sup>(11)</sup>                                  | \$516,734                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>William B. Littreal</b>   | 5,308 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | \$177,128                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 791 <sup>(5)</sup>                                      | \$ 26,396                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 7,769 <sup>(8)</sup>                                    | \$259,252                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 1,640 <sup>(9)</sup>                                    | \$ 54,727                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 10,840 <sup>(11)</sup>                                  | \$361,731                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>William T. Morrison</b>   | 7,913 <sup>(6)</sup>                                    | \$264,057                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 4,439 <sup>(8)</sup>                                    | \$148,129                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 1,749 <sup>(9)</sup>                                    | \$ 58,364                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Ernest S. Piccioli</b>    | 8,004 <sup>(7)</sup>                                    | \$267,093                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 4,439 <sup>(8)</sup>                                    | \$148,129                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 1,181 <sup>(9)</sup>                                    | \$ 39,410                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |
|                              | 10,846 <sup>(10)</sup>                                  | \$361,931                                                                    | —                                                                                                   | —                                                                                                                                  |

- (1) The market value of unearned shares that have not vested is based on the closing market price of the Company's common stock on December 31, 2025 (\$33.37 per share).
- (2) The restricted stock award vests at the rate of one-fifth/year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date of February 2022, based on a service requirement, which requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.
- (3) The restricted stock award vests at the rate of one-fifth/year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date of August 2022, based on a service requirement, which requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.
- (4) The restricted stock award vests at the rate of one-fifth/year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date of September 2022, based on a service requirement, which requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.
- (5) The restricted stock award vests at the rate of one-third/year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date of February 2023, based on a service requirement, which requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.
- (6) The restricted stock units vest at the rate of one-fifth/year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date of February 2023, based on a service requirement, which requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.
- (7) The restricted stock units vest at the rate of one-fifth/year beginning in August 2024, based on a service requirement, which requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.
- (8) The restricted stock award vests at the rate of one-fourth/year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date of August 2024, based on a service requirement, which requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.
- (9) The restricted stock award vests at the rate of one-third/year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date of February 2025, based on a service requirement, which requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.
- (10) The restricted stock award vests at the rate of one-half/year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date of February 2025, based on a service requirement, which requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.
- (11) The restricted stock award vests at the rate of one-third/year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date of November 2025, based on a service requirement, which requires the executive to remain continuously employed through the applicable vesting date.



## Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table provides certain information concerning exercises of stock options and the vesting of restricted stock on an aggregate basis for each of the NEOs during 2025.

| Name                  | Option Awards                         |                            | Stock Awards                         |                                          | Stock Units                          |                                             |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                       | Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise | Value Realized on Exercise | Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting | Value Realized on Vesting <sup>(1)</sup> | Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting | Value Realized on Vesting <sup>(1)(2)</sup> |
| G. Robert Aston, Jr.  | —                                     | —                          | 5,209                                | \$189,221                                |                                      |                                             |
| William I. Foster III | —                                     | —                          | 9,093                                | \$331,509                                |                                      |                                             |
| William B. Littreal   | —                                     | —                          | 16,162                               | \$548,141                                |                                      |                                             |
| William T. Morrison   | —                                     | —                          | 1,480                                | \$ 54,568                                | 2,638                                | \$97,289                                    |
| Ernest S. Piccioli    | —                                     | —                          | 1,480                                | \$ 54,568                                | 2,668                                | \$98,049                                    |

(1) Value represents the market value of TowneBank's common stock on the vesting date (closing market price).

(2) Upon vesting, shares of common stock equal to the number of restricted stock units that vested were acquired.

## Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan

The following table shows the actuarial present value of accumulated benefits payable to each of the participating NEOs as of December 31, 2025, including the number of years of service credited to each such NEO, under the SERP using interest rate and mortality rate assumptions consistent with those used in the Company's financial statements. Benefits under these plans are generally payable as a monthly annuity for a 15-year period upon attainment of retirement age and remain subject to certain loyalty and confidentiality covenants, including non-competition, non-solicitation, and other restrictions. Mr. Morrison's SERP agreement is payable as an annual annuity for a 15-year period and his Monarch SERP agreements that were assumed by TowneBank in conjunction with the Monarch merger are payable as an annual annuity for a 10-year period.

| Name                  | Plan Name           | Number of Years Credited Service | Present Value of Accumulated Benefit | Payments During Last Fiscal Year |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| G. Robert Aston, Jr.  | SERP                | 17.09                            | \$8,638,357                          | —                                |
| William I. Foster III | SERP                | 17.09                            | \$1,975,184                          | —                                |
|                       | SERP                | 3.00                             | \$2,073,378                          | —                                |
| William B. Littreal   | SERP                | 13.39                            | \$1,528,639                          | —                                |
| William T. Morrison   | SERP                | 9.52                             | \$1,465,453                          | —                                |
|                       | SERP <sup>(1)</sup> | 18.35                            | \$ 225,838                           | —                                |
|                       | SERP <sup>(1)</sup> | 15.01                            | \$ 338,757                           | —                                |
| Ernest S. Piccioli    | SERP                | 2.59                             | \$ 406,202                           | —                                |

(1) Plans were assumed by TowneBank in the Monarch merger.



## Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

The following table provides certain information on nonqualified deferred compensation contributions by the NEOs, as well as earnings on such compensation, with respect to the NEOs during 2025. The amounts included in the Executive Contributions column represent voluntary deferrals of salary amounts that are included in the Salary column of the Summary Compensation Table on page 31.

| Name                  | Executive Contributions in Last Fiscal Year <sup>(1)</sup> | Registrant Contributions in Last Fiscal Year | Aggregate Earnings in Last Fiscal Year | Aggregate Withdrawals/Distributions | Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year-End |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| G. Robert Aston, Jr.  | —                                                          | —                                            | \$63,797                               | —                                   | \$1,179,846                               |
| William I. Foster III | —                                                          | —                                            | —                                      | —                                   | —                                         |
| William B. Littreal   | —                                                          | —                                            | —                                      | —                                   | —                                         |
| William T. Morrison   | \$61,025                                                   | —                                            | \$28,844                               | —                                   | \$ 558,351                                |
| Ernest S. Piccioli    | —                                                          | —                                            | —                                      | —                                   | —                                         |

(1) The amounts in this column are included in the Salary column of the Summary Compensation Table.

## Employment Agreements and Change-in-Control Agreements

The Company has or had employment agreements and/or change-in-control agreements with each of the persons named in the Summary Compensation Table. The agreements were entered into to provide protection for, and thus retain, its well-qualified executive officers notwithstanding any actual or threatened change in control of TowneBank.

**Employment Agreements.** The Company has employment agreements with each of its NEOs. The employment agreements for the officers are substantially similar, except for the different levels of base salary, and include the following terms and conditions.

The employment agreements with Messrs. Aston, Foster, and Littreal have an initial five-year term and renew automatically for additional periods of three years, except for Mr. Aston's agreement which has no automatic renewal provision, unless either party elects not to renew the agreement prior to the renewal date. The employee agreements with Messrs. Morrison and Piccioli have an initial three-year term and renew automatically for additional periods of two years unless either party elects not to renew the agreement prior to the renewal date. All agreements provide for an annual base salary, which may be adjusted annually by the Board of Directors, an annual cash bonus and stock compensation in such amounts as may be determined by the Board, and are subject to non-competition and non-solicitation covenants.

The Company may terminate the employment of an officer at any time for "cause" (as defined in each agreement) without incurring any additional obligations. If the Company terminates the employment of an officer for any reason other than for "cause" or if an officer terminates his or her employment for "good reason" (as defined in each agreement), the Company will be obligated to continue to provide the compensation and benefits specified in each agreement until the expiration of its term.

The employment agreements will terminate in the event that there is a change in control of the Company, at which time the change-in-control agreements described below between the Company and the executives will become effective, and any termination benefits will be determined and paid solely pursuant to the change-in-control agreements.

**Change-in-Control Agreements.** The Company also has change-in-control agreements with each of its NEOs. The change-in-control agreements become effective upon a change in control of the Company and protect income for key executives who would likely be involved in decisions regarding and/or successful implementation of merger/acquisition activity and who are at risk for job loss if a takeover occurs. The Board believed it was important to adopt such agreements in order to keep executives employed with the Company.

Under the terms of these agreements, the Company or its successor must continue to employ each officer for a term of three years after the date of a change in control. During such period, the officer is entitled to retain commensurate authority, responsibilities, and compensation benefits. The officers will receive base salaries at least equal to their salaries for the immediate prior year and bonuses at least equal to the annual bonuses paid prior to the change in control. If an officer's



employment is terminated during the three years other than for “cause” or “disability” (as defined in each agreement), or if the officer should terminate employment because a material term of his or her contract is breached by the Company or its successor, the officer will be entitled to a lump-sum payment, in cash, within 30 days after the date of termination. This lump sum amount will be equal to 2.99 times (in the case of Messrs. Aston and Littreal) or 2.90 times (in the case of Messrs. Foster, Morrison and Piccioli) the sum of the officer’s base salary, annual bonus and equivalent benefits.

The following table provides information on the potential payment upon termination of employment or a change in control of the Company for the NEOs, assuming a termination or change in control occurred on December 31, 2025.

## Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control Table

| Name                         | Benefit                                          | Before Change in Control Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason | After Change in Control Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason <sup>(1)</sup> | Death Benefit <sup>(2)</sup> | Disability Benefit <sup>(2)</sup> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>G. Robert Aston, Jr.</b>  | Post-Termination Compensation                    | \$ 4,635,000                                                          | \$ 6,219,200                                                                        | \$ 386,250                   | \$ 386,250                        |
|                              | Early Vesting of Restricted Stock                | 421,530                                                               | 421,530                                                                             | 421,530                      | 421,530                           |
|                              | Health Care Benefits Continuation                | 48,193                                                                | 48,193                                                                              | 48,193                       | 48,193                            |
|                              | Retirement Benefit <sup>(4)</sup>                | 8,841,627                                                             | 8,841,627                                                                           | 8,841,627                    | 8,841,627                         |
|                              | Total Value                                      | \$13,946,350                                                          | \$15,530,550                                                                        | \$9,697,600                  | \$9,697,600                       |
| <b>William I. Foster III</b> | Post-Termination Compensation                    | \$ 5,665,000                                                          | \$ 5,031,500                                                                        | \$ 283,250                   | \$1,133,000                       |
|                              | Early Vesting of Restricted Stock                | 1,222,777                                                             | 1,222,777                                                                           | 1,222,777                    | 1,222,777                         |
|                              | Health Care Benefits Continuation                | 32,751                                                                | 32,751                                                                              | 32,751                       | 32,751                            |
|                              | Retirement Benefit <sup>(4)</sup>                | 5,169,017                                                             | 5,169,017                                                                           | 5,219,835                    | 4,382,178                         |
|                              | Total Value                                      | \$12,089,545                                                          | \$11,456,045                                                                        | \$6,758,613                  | \$6,770,706                       |
| <b>William B. Littreal</b>   | Post-Termination Compensation                    | \$ 4,750,000                                                          | \$ 4,011,982                                                                        | \$ 237,500                   | \$ 950,000                        |
|                              | Early Vesting of Restricted Stock                | 879,233                                                               | 879,233                                                                             | 879,233                      | 879,233                           |
|                              | Health Care Benefits Continuation                | 65,842                                                                | 65,842                                                                              | 65,842                       | 65,842                            |
|                              | Retirement Benefit <sup>(4)</sup>                | 3,795,868                                                             | 3,795,868                                                                           | 6,321,017                    | 2,564,352                         |
|                              | Total Value                                      | \$ 9,490,943                                                          | \$ 8,752,925                                                                        | \$7,503,592                  | \$4,459,427                       |
| <b>William T. Morrison</b>   | Post-Termination Compensation                    | \$ 1,713,920                                                          | \$ 3,233,152                                                                        | \$ 214,240                   | \$ 856,960                        |
|                              | Early Vesting of Restricted Stock <sup>(3)</sup> | 470,550                                                               | 470,550                                                                             | 470,550                      | 470,550                           |
|                              | Health Care Benefits Continuation                | 25,312                                                                | 50,623                                                                              | 50,623                       | 50,623                            |
|                              | Retirement Benefit <sup>(4)</sup>                | 2,466,368                                                             | 2,466,368                                                                           | 2,557,386                    | 1,985,094                         |
|                              | Total Value                                      | \$ 4,676,150                                                          | \$ 6,220,693                                                                        | \$3,292,799                  | \$3,363,227                       |
| <b>Ernest S. Piccioli</b>    | Post-Termination Compensation                    | \$ 1,178,320                                                          | \$ 2,213,442                                                                        | \$ 147,290                   | \$ 589,160                        |
|                              | Early Vesting of Restricted Stock <sup>(3)</sup> | 816,564                                                               | 816,564                                                                             | 816,564                      | 816,564                           |
|                              | Health Care Benefits Continuation                | 31,706                                                                | 31,706                                                                              | 31,706                       | 31,706                            |
|                              | Retirement Benefit <sup>(4)</sup>                | 1,705,029                                                             | 1,705,029                                                                           | 1,705,029                    | 449,125                           |
|                              | Total Value                                      | \$ 3,731,619                                                          | \$ 4,766,741                                                                        | \$2,700,589                  | \$1,886,555                       |

(1) The change-in-control agreements include a “best-net” provision regarding Internal Revenue Code Section 280G, which could result in a reduction in the amounts paid by the Company following a change in control. The amounts shown do not reflect the potential impact of those provisions.

(2) The Post-Termination Compensation and Health Care Benefits Continuation shown reflect amounts payable on death or disability termination, as applicable, following a change in control. In such termination circumstances prior to a change in control, salary generally is payable for a maximum of 30 days with no welfare benefit supplement.

(3) Messrs. Morrison and Piccioli hold restricted stock units, as well as restricted stock awards.

(4) The amounts shown reflect the total of payments to be made to the executive. SERP benefits vest immediately upon death or termination without cause or for good reason. All amounts are paid in equal monthly or annual installments over a 15-year period commencing within 90 days of the death of a participant or the month after the participant would have attained age 65, other than Mr. Morrison. Mr. Morrison’s amounts consist of annual payments for 10 years under his Monarch SERPs and annual payments for 15 years under his TowneBank SERPs that, when combined, result in an equal amount being paid for each year of the 15-year payment period. Under Mr. Morrison’s Monarch SERPs, upon early retirement, termination, death or disability, amounts are paid in a single lump sum based on the present value of the payments that would be made following normal retirement.



## Pay Versus Performance

As required by Section 953(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, we are providing the following information about the relationship between executive compensation actually paid and certain measures of the Company's financial performance. For further information concerning the Company's pay-for-performance philosophy and how our Compensation Committee aligns executive compensation with the Company's performance, refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section beginning on page 20.

The tabular and narrative disclosures provided below are intended to be calculated in a manner consistent with the applicable SEC rules and may reflect reasonable estimates and assumptions where appropriate.

The following table provides information required under the SEC's Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K disclosing (i) a measure of total compensation and a measure reflecting "compensation actually paid" for our principal executive officer ("PEO") and, as an average, for our other NEOs, and (ii) select financial performance measures, in each case, for our five most recently completed fiscal years.

## Pay Versus Performance Table

| Year<br>A | Summary<br>Compensation<br>Table Total<br>for PEO (1)<br>B | Compensation<br>Actually Paid<br>to PEO (2)<br>C | Average<br>Summary<br>Compensation<br>Table Total<br>for Non-PEO<br>NEOs (3)<br>D | Average<br>Compensation<br>Actually Paid<br>to Non-PEO<br>NEOs (4)<br>E | Value of Initial Fixed \$100<br>Investment Based On: |                                                       | Net Income (Loss)<br>(\$ in thousands) (7)<br>H | Revenue<br>(\$ in thousands) (8)<br>I |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|           |                                                            |                                                  |                                                                                   |                                                                         | Total<br>Shareholder<br>Return (5)<br>F              | Peer Group<br>Total<br>Shareholder<br>Return (6)<br>G |                                                 |                                       |
| 2025      | \$3,317,088                                                | \$3,346,305                                      | \$1,943,542                                                                       | \$1,984,101                                                             | \$166.51                                             | \$213.31                                              | \$169,526                                       | \$835,717                             |
| 2024      | \$2,571,871                                                | \$2,624,133                                      | \$1,899,339                                                                       | \$1,790,492                                                             | \$144.59                                             | \$143.04                                              | \$161,356                                       | \$693,286                             |
| 2023      | \$1,464,533                                                | \$1,637,182                                      | \$1,252,867                                                                       | \$1,214,038                                                             | \$122.17                                             | \$106.26                                              | \$153,205                                       | \$693,414                             |
| 2022      | \$1,382,590                                                | \$1,716,479                                      | \$1,640,720                                                                       | \$1,792,361                                                             | \$121.85                                             | \$ 97.46                                              | \$188,987                                       | \$686,935                             |
| 2021      | \$1,761,871                                                | \$2,029,224                                      | \$1,939,291                                                                       | \$2,197,098                                                             | \$121.04                                             | \$117.87                                              | \$215,383                                       | \$680,330                             |

- (1) The dollar amounts reported in column B are the amounts of total compensation reported in the "Total" column of the Summary Compensation Table for Mr. Davis in 2021 and 2022 and Mr. Foster in 2023, 2024, and 2025. Refer to the Summary Compensation Table on page 31.
- (2) The dollar amounts reported in column C represent the amount of "compensation actually paid" to Mr. Davis in 2021 and 2022 and to Mr. Foster in 2023, 2024, and 2025, as computed in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K and as further described below. The dollar amounts do not reflect the actual amount of compensation earned by or paid to Mr. Davis in 2021 and 2022 or Mr. Foster in 2023, 2024, and 2025. In accordance with the requirements of Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, the following adjustments were made to Mr. Davis' total compensation for 2021 and 2022 and to Mr. Foster's total compensation for 2023, 2024, and 2025 to determine the compensation actually paid:

| Year | Reported<br>Summary<br>Compensation<br>Table Total<br>for PEO | Reported<br>Value of<br>Equity<br>Awards<br>(a) | Equity<br>Award<br>Adjustments<br>(b) | Reported Change<br>in the Actuarial<br>Present Value of<br>Pension Benefits<br>(c) | Pension<br>Benefit<br>Adjustments<br>(d) | Compensation<br>Actually Paid<br>to PEO |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 2025 | \$3,317,088                                                   | \$(588,044)                                     | \$635,860                             | \$(802,346)                                                                        | \$783,747                                | \$3,346,305                             |
| 2024 | \$2,571,871                                                   | \$(350,031)                                     | \$468,799                             | \$(821,679)                                                                        | \$755,173                                | \$2,624,133                             |
| 2023 | \$1,464,533                                                   | \$ (67,879)                                     | \$ 29,407                             | \$(457,917)                                                                        | \$669,038                                | \$1,637,182                             |
| 2022 | \$1,382,590                                                   | —                                               | \$ (2,734)                            | —                                                                                  | \$336,623                                | \$1,716,479                             |
| 2021 | \$1,761,871                                                   | \$(106,250)                                     | \$140,004                             | \$(228,861)                                                                        | \$462,460                                | \$2,029,224                             |



- a. The grant date fair value of equity awards represents the total of the amounts reported in the “Stock Awards” column in the Summary Compensation Table for the applicable year. Refer to the Summary Compensation Table on page 31.
- b. The equity award adjustments for each applicable year include the addition (or subtraction, as applicable) of the following: (i) the year-end fair value of any equity awards granted in the applicable year that are outstanding and unvested as of the end of the year; (ii) the amount of change as of the end of the applicable year (from the end of the prior fiscal year) in fair value of any awards granted in prior years that are outstanding and unvested as of the end of the applicable year; (iii) for awards that are granted and vest in the same applicable year, the fair value as of the vesting date; (iv) for awards granted in prior years that vest in the applicable year, the amount equal to the change as of the vesting date (from the end of the prior fiscal year) in fair value; (v) for awards granted in prior years that are determined to fail to meet the applicable vesting conditions during the applicable year, a deduction for the amount equal to the fair value at the end of the prior fiscal year; and (vi) the dollar value of any dividends or other earnings paid on stock or option awards in the applicable year prior to the vesting date that are not otherwise reflected in the fair value of such award or included in any other component of total compensation for the applicable year. The valuation assumptions used to calculate the fair value were updated as of each measurement date and will differ from those disclosed as of the grant date. The methodology used to develop the valuation assumptions as of each applicable measurement date is consistent with those disclosed at the time of grant. The amounts deducted or added in calculating the equity award adjustments are as follows:

| Year | Year-End Fair Value of Equity Awards Granted in the Year and that are Unvested | Year-over-Year Change in Fair Value of Equity Awards Granted in Prior Years that are Unvested | Fair Value as of Vesting Date of Equity Awards Granted and Vested in the Year | Year-over-Year Change in Fair Value of Equity Awards Granted in Prior Years that are Vested in the Year | Prior Year-End Fair Value of Equity Awards that Failed to Meet Vesting Conditions in the Year | Value of Dividends or other Earnings Paid on Equity Awards not Otherwise Reflected in Fair Value or Total Compensation | Total Equity Award Adjustments |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2025 | \$596,389                                                                      | \$(12,952)                                                                                    | —                                                                             | \$ 21,802                                                                                               | —                                                                                             | \$30,621                                                                                                               | \$635,860                      |
| 2024 | \$352,828                                                                      | \$ 75,272                                                                                     | —                                                                             | \$ 15,451                                                                                               | —                                                                                             | \$25,248                                                                                                               | \$468,799                      |
| 2023 | \$ 66,603                                                                      | \$(25,445)                                                                                    | —                                                                             | \$(39,495)                                                                                              | —                                                                                             | \$27,744                                                                                                               | \$ 29,407                      |
| 2022 | —                                                                              | \$ (1,912)                                                                                    | —                                                                             | \$ (3,091)                                                                                              | —                                                                                             | \$ 2,269                                                                                                               | \$ (2,734)                     |
| 2021 | \$120,800                                                                      | \$ 73,947                                                                                     | —                                                                             | \$ 3,963                                                                                                | \$(66,754)                                                                                    | \$ 8,048                                                                                                               | \$140,004                      |

- c. The reported change in the actuarial present value of defined benefit pension benefits reported in the “Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings” column in the Summary Compensation Table for the applicable year. Refer to the Summary Compensation Table on page 31.
- d. The pension benefit adjustment is the value attributable to the applicable year’s service cost.
- (3) The dollar amounts reported in column D represent the average of the amounts reported for the non-PEO NEOs in the “Total” column of the Summary Compensation Table in each applicable year. The names of each of the non-PEO NEOs included for purposes of calculating the average amounts in each applicable year are as follows: Mr. Aston, Mr. Littreal, Brad E. Schwartz, who was President and Chief Operating Officer until December 31, 2022, and Mr. Morrison for 2021, Mr. Aston, Mr. Foster, Mr. Littreal, and Mr. Schwartz for 2022, Mr. Aston, Mr. Littreal, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Skinner for 2023 and 2024, and Mr. Aston, Mr. Littreal, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Piccioli for 2025.
- (4) The dollar amounts reported in column E represent the average amount of “compensation actually paid” to the non-PEO NEOs specified in footnote (3), as computed in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K. The dollar amounts do not reflect the actual average amount of compensation earned by or paid to the non-PEO NEOs during the applicable year. In accordance with the requirements of Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, the following adjustments were made to average total compensation for the non-PEO NEOs for each year to determine the compensation actually paid, using the same methodology described above in footnote (2):

| Year | Average Reported Summary Compensation Table Total for Non-PEO NEOs | Average Reported Value of Equity Awards | Average Equity Award Adjustments (a) | Reported Change in the Actuarial Present Value of Pension Benefits (b) | Pension Benefit Adjustments (c) | Average Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO NEOs |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 2025 | \$1,943,542                                                        | \$(263,082)                             | \$266,267                            | \$(223,603)                                                            | \$260,977                       | \$1,984,101                                        |
| 2024 | \$1,899,339                                                        | \$(275,017)                             | \$330,984                            | \$(397,932)                                                            | \$233,118                       | \$1,790,492                                        |
| 2023 | \$1,252,867                                                        | \$(164,328)                             | \$139,957                            | \$(229,840)                                                            | \$215,382                       | \$1,214,038                                        |
| 2022 | \$1,640,720                                                        | \$(560,663)                             | \$609,847                            | \$ —                                                                   | \$102,457                       | \$1,792,361                                        |
| 2021 | \$1,939,291                                                        | \$ (68,594)                             | \$333,541                            | \$(197,879)                                                            | \$190,739                       | \$2,197,098                                        |



a. The amounts deducted or added in calculating the total average equity award adjustments are as follows:

| Year | Average Year-End Fair Value of Equity Awards Granted in the Year and that are Unvested | Average Year-over-Year Change in Fair Value of Equity Awards Granted in Prior Years that are Unvested | Average Fair Value as of Vesting Date of Equity Awards Granted and Vested in the Year | Average Year-over-Year Change in Fair Value of Equity Awards Granted in Prior Years that Vested in the Year | Average Prior Year-End Fair Value of Equity Awards that Failed to Meet Vesting Conditions in the Year | Average Value of Dividends or other Earnings Paid on Equity Awards not Otherwise Reflected in Fair Value or Total Compensation | Average Equity Award Adjustments |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2025 | \$249,299                                                                              | \$ (8,223)                                                                                            | —                                                                                     | \$ 8,100                                                                                                    | —                                                                                                     | \$17,091                                                                                                                       | \$266,267                        |
| 2024 | \$277,214                                                                              | \$ 45,282                                                                                             | —                                                                                     | \$ (5,572)                                                                                                  | —                                                                                                     | \$14,060                                                                                                                       | \$330,984                        |
| 2023 | \$161,240                                                                              | \$ (13,377)                                                                                           | —                                                                                     | \$ (24,163)                                                                                                 | —                                                                                                     | \$16,257                                                                                                                       | \$139,957                        |
| 2022 | \$603,192                                                                              | \$ (3,635)                                                                                            | —                                                                                     | \$ (5,669)                                                                                                  | —                                                                                                     | \$15,959                                                                                                                       | \$609,847                        |
| 2021 | \$ 77,988                                                                              | \$246,140                                                                                             | —                                                                                     | \$ 37,910                                                                                                   | \$(44,207)                                                                                            | \$15,710                                                                                                                       | \$333,541                        |

- b. The reported change in the actuarial present value of defined benefit pension benefits reported in the “Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings” column in the Summary Compensation Table for the applicable year. Refer to the Summary Compensation Table on page 31.
- c. The pension benefit adjustment is the value attributable to the applicable year’s service cost.
- (5) Total shareholder return (“TSR”) is the value of \$100 at the end of the measurement period assuming invested in TowneBank’s stock as of December 31, 2020.
- (6) Peer group TSR, is the value of \$100 at the end of the measurement period assuming invested in the peer group index as of December 31, 2020. The peer group used for this purpose is the following published industry index: S&P Composite 1500 Banks Index.
- (7) The dollar amounts reported represent our net income, as reflected in the Company’s audited financial statements for the applicable year.
- (8) The dollar amounts reported represent our operating revenue, as reflected in the Company’s audited financial statements for the applicable year. While the Company uses several financial performance measures for the purpose of evaluating performance for the Company’s compensation programs, the Company has determined that revenue is the financial performance measure that, in the Company’s assessment, represents the most important performance measure (that is not otherwise required to be disclosed in the table) used by the Company to link compensation actually paid to the NEOs, for the most recently completed fiscal year, to the Company’s performance.

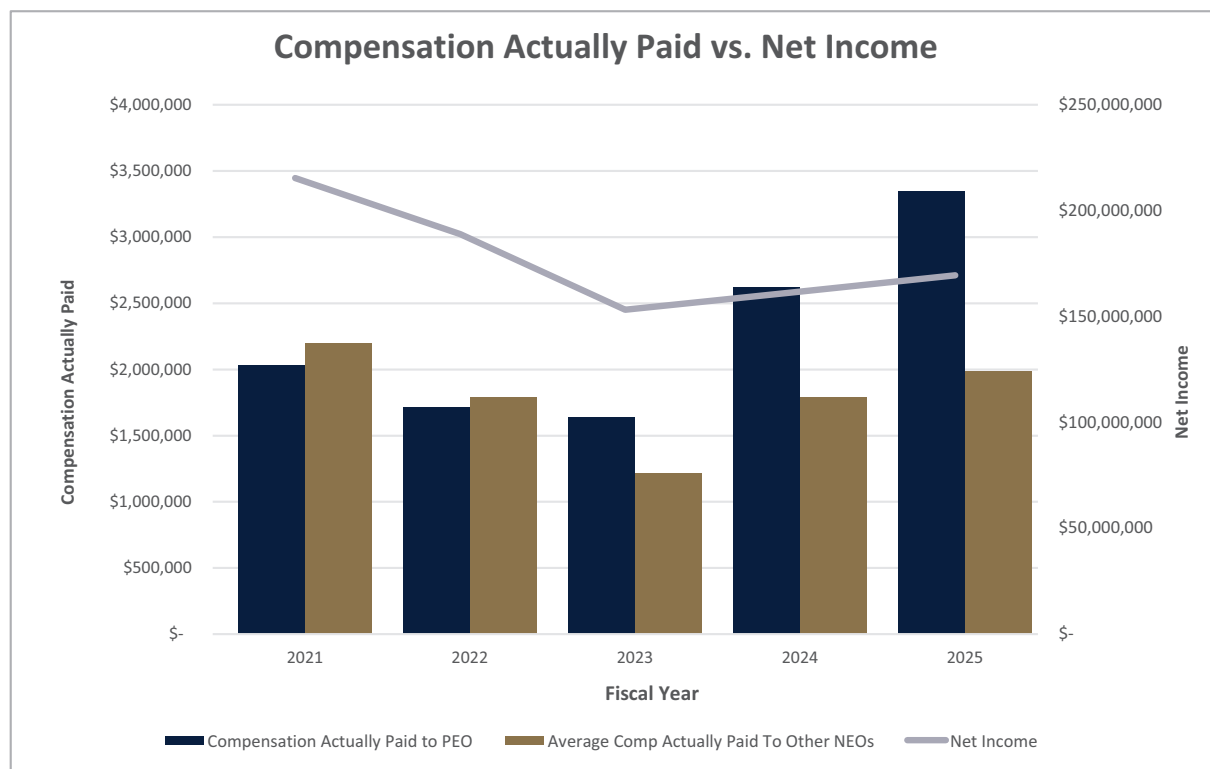
**List of Most Important Financial Performance Measures to Determine 2025 Compensation Actually Paid.** As described in more detail in the “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” section starting on page 20, our executive compensation program reflects a pay-for-performance philosophy and includes performance metrics that are intended to incentivize our NEOs and align our NEOs’ interests with those of our shareholders. With respect to the 2025 fiscal year, the most important financial performance measures used to link executive compensation actually paid to our performance overall are as follows:

**Metrics Used in Determining NEO Pay**

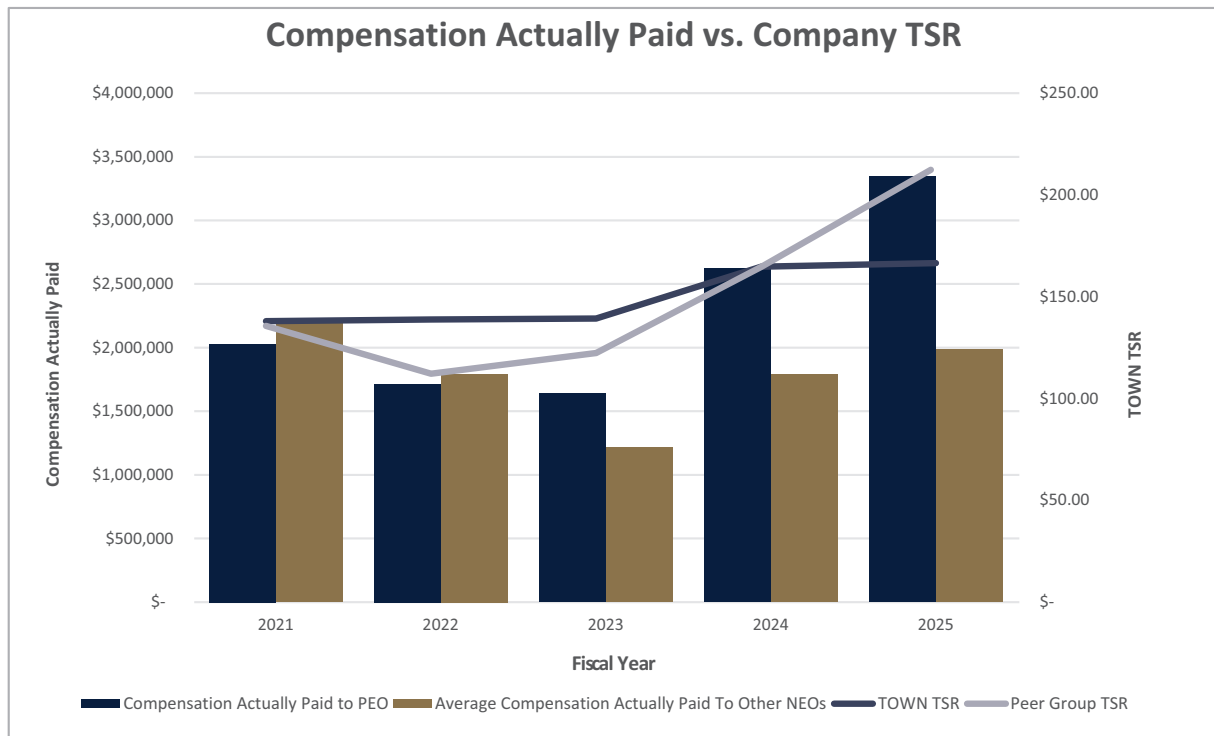
Total Revenue  
Earnings Per Share (EPS)  
Credit Quality  
Market Share  
Return on Assets (ROA)

**Analysis of the Information Presented in the Pay Versus Performance Table.** As described in more detail in the “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” section, the Company’s executive compensation program reflects a variable pay-for-performance philosophy. While the Company utilizes several financial performance measures to align executive compensation with Company performance, all of those Company measures are not presented in the Pay Versus Performance Table. Moreover, the Company generally seeks to incentivize creation of long-term shareholder value, and, therefore, does not specifically align the Company’s performance measures with compensation that is actually paid (as computed in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K) for a particular year. In accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, the Company is providing the following descriptions of the relationships between information presented in the Pay Versus Performance Table.

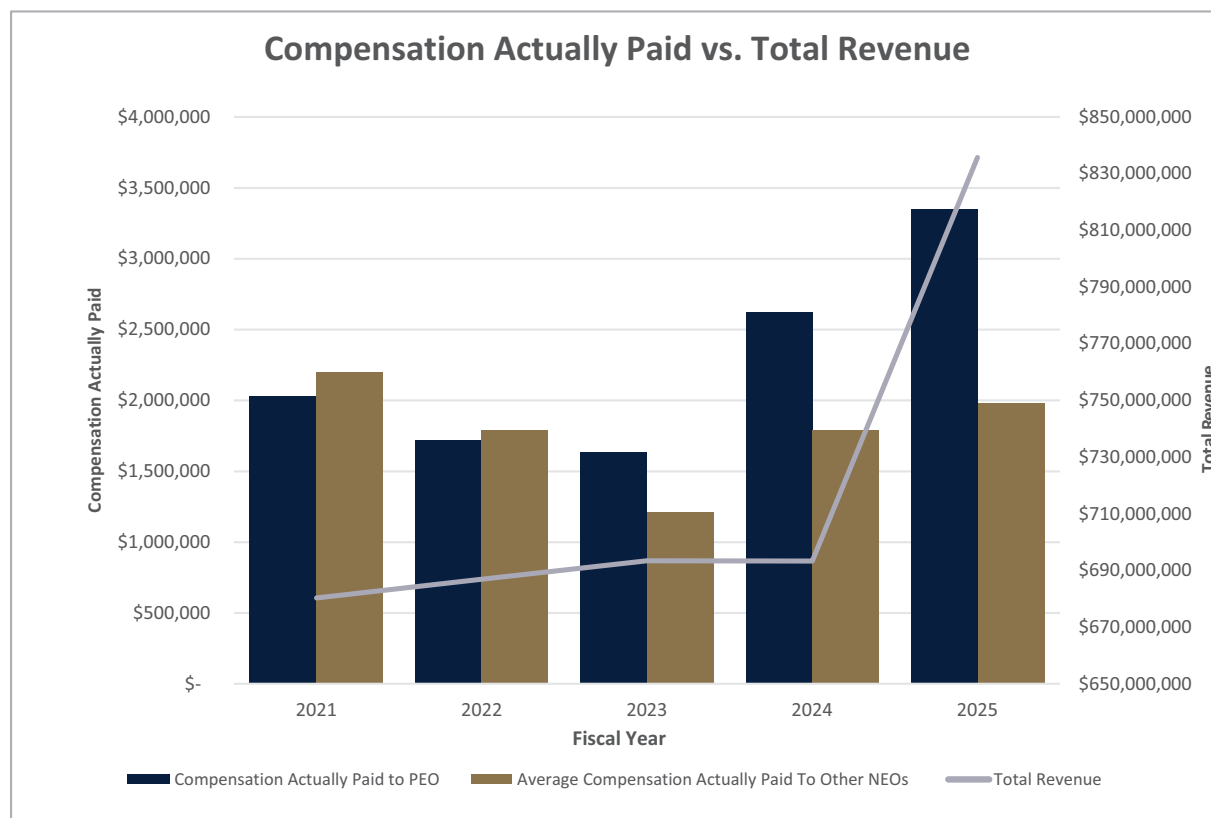
**Compensation Actually Paid and Net Income.** As demonstrated by the following graph, the compensation actually paid to Mr. Foster and Mr. Davis and the average amount of compensation actually paid to the non-PEO NEOs is trending with the Company's net income over the five years presented in the Pay Versus Performance Table.



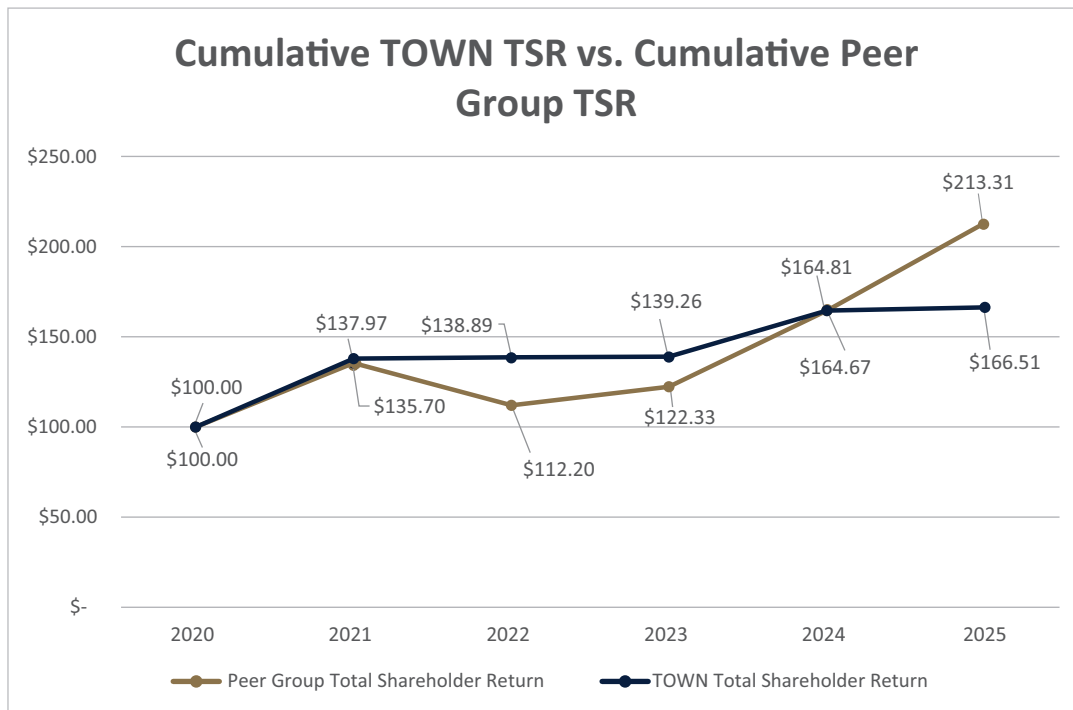
**Compensation Actually Paid and Total Shareholder Return (TSR).** As demonstrated by the following graph, the compensation actually paid to Mr. Davis and Mr. Foster and the average amount of compensation actually paid to the non-PEO NEOs decreased in 2022 and 2023, unlike the Company's TSR in both years. The amount of compensation actually paid to Mr. Foster and the average amount of compensation actually paid to the non-PEO NEOs in 2024 is trending with the Company's TSR. The amount of compensation actually paid to Mr. Foster and the average amount of compensation actually paid to the non-PEO NEOs in 2025 increased while the Company's TSR remained nearly level with the prior year. The alignment of compensation actually paid with the Company's TSR over the period presented is because a significant portion of the compensation actually paid to Mr. Foster, Mr. Davis, and to the other NEOs is comprised of equity awards. For more information regarding the elements of our executive compensation program and, in particular, our pay mix, refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section on page 20.



**Compensation Actually Paid and Total Revenue.** As demonstrated by the following graph, the compensation actually paid to Mr. Davis and Mr. Foster and the average amount of compensation actually paid to the non-PEO NEOs decreased in 2022 and 2023 while revenue increased in both years. The Company's revenue decreased slightly in 2024 while the compensation actually paid to Mr. Foster and the average amount of compensation actually paid to the non-PEO NEOs increased. The compensation actually paid to Mr. Foster and the average amount of compensation actually paid to the non-PEO NEOs is trending with the Company's revenue in 2025.



**Cumulative TSR of the Company and Cumulative TSR of the Peer Group.** As demonstrated by the following graph, the Company's cumulative TSR overperformed compared to the Index in each fiscal year except for 2025. For more information regarding the Company's performance and the companies that the Compensation Committee considers when determining compensation, refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section on page 20.



## CEO Pay Ratio

Rules enacted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and adopted by the FDIC require us to disclose the ratio of the annual total compensation of our Chief Executive Officer during the last fiscal year to the median annual total compensation of all our employees. For 2025, the annual total compensation of William I. Foster III was \$3,317,088, and the median employee's annual total compensation was \$62,398. Based on these amounts, the ratio of the annual total compensation of Mr. Foster to the median of the annual total compensation of all our employees was approximately 53 to 1.

We believe our compensation programs for both our executive and non-executive level employees must be internally consistent and equitable to motivate our employees to create shareholder value. While the Compensation Committee monitors the relationship between the compensation levels of our executive officers and our non-executive employees, the Compensation Committee does not view this ratio as a meaningful tool in evaluating the appropriateness of the Chief Executive Officer's compensation, either on an internal or external basis.

We completed the following steps to identify the median of the annual total compensation of all our employees and to determine the annual total compensation of our median employee and Chief Executive Officer:

- As of December 31, 2025, our employee population consisted of approximately 2,976 employees, including full-time, part-time, temporary, or seasonal employees employed on that date.
- To find the median of the annual total compensation of all our employees (other than our Chief Executive Officer), we used wages from our payroll records as reported to the Internal Revenue Service on Form W-2 for 2025. In making this determination, we annualized the compensation for full-time and part-time permanent employees who were employed on December 31, 2025, but did not work for us the entire year. No full-time equivalent adjustments were made for part-time employees.
- After identifying the median employee, we added together all of the elements of such employee's compensation for 2025 in accordance with the requirements of Item 402(c)(2)(x) of Regulation S-K. Total compensation for Mr. Foster is the amount reported in the "Total" column of our 2025 Summary Compensation Table on page 31.

Pay ratios that are reported by our peers may not be directly comparable to ours because of differences in the composition of each company's workforce, as well as the assumptions and methodologies used in calculating the pay ratio, as permitted by Securities and Exchange Commission rules.



## COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

As compensation for their services during 2025, each member of the Board of Directors of the Company received an annual retainer of \$65,000. Each member of the Board of Directors also received a grant of common stock in the amount of \$40,000 (rounded up to the nearest whole share) in February 2025. That amount represented an additional annual retainer that in part would replace all cash fees for Board and committee meetings.

The Vice Chair of the Board of Directors received an annual retainer of \$10,000, and the Lead Director received an annual retainer of \$50,000.

Members of the Audit Committee received an annual retainer of \$9,000, and the Chair of the Audit Committee received an annual retainer of \$40,000. The Chair of the Enterprise Risk Management Committee received an annual retainer of \$40,000, and the Chairs of the other standing Board committees received an annual retainer of \$5,000.

Board members who are also officers of the Company did not receive any additional compensation above their regular compensation for service on the Board or any committee.

The Company also paid board fees for service on the TFSG Board and on its Regional Boards.

***Towne Financial Services Group.*** There are two non-employee members of the Board of Directors (Messrs. Benson and Owens) who also serve on the TFSG Board, which meets monthly and has responsibility for the Company's fee-based lines of business. Both members received a \$7,000 annual retainer.

***Regional Boards of Directors.*** Members of the Board of Directors also received payment for each meeting of the Regional Board of Directors of which they are a member. In addition, the three members of the Board of Directors who serve as Chair of a Regional Board (Messrs. Perry (Virginia Beach) and Norment (Williamsburg) and Ms. Robertson (Richmond)) received an annual retainer of \$4,000.



## 2025 Director Compensation

| Name                                                                          | Fees Earned or Paid in Cash | Stock Awards | Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings <sup>(1)</sup> | All Other Compensation | Total       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Jeffrey F. Benson                                                             | \$ 82,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 122,000  |
| Richard Cullen                                                                | \$ —                        | \$ —         | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ —        |
| Douglas D. Ellis                                                              | \$ 65,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 105,000  |
| Andrew S. Fine                                                                | \$ 65,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 105,000  |
| Frank E. Jenkins, Jr.                                                         | \$ 55,500                   | \$ 30,000    | —                                                                                      | —(3)                   | \$ 85,500   |
| Howard J. Jung                                                                | \$ 74,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 114,000  |
| John R. Lawson, II                                                            | \$ 70,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 110,000  |
| Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.                                                          | \$ 74,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 114,000  |
| Harry T. Lester                                                               | \$ 70,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 110,000  |
| W. Ashton Lewis                                                               | \$ 169,000                  | \$ —         | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 169,000  |
| Stephanie J. Marioneaux                                                       | \$ 65,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 105,000  |
| Juan M. Montero, II                                                           | \$ 65,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 105,000  |
| Thomas K. Norment, Jr.                                                        | \$ 69,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 109,000  |
| Robert M. Oman                                                                | \$ 65,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 105,000  |
| R.V. Owens, III                                                               | \$ 72,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 112,000  |
| J. Christopher Perry                                                          | \$ 78,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 118,000  |
| Elizabeth W. Robertson                                                        | \$ 149,000                  | —            | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 149,000  |
| Sachin S. Shetty                                                              | \$ 65,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 105,000  |
| Richard B. Thurmond                                                           | \$ 65,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | —(4)                   | \$ 105,000  |
| Alan S. Witt                                                                  | \$ 154,000                  | \$ —         | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$ 154,000  |
| Total                                                                         | \$1,571,500                 | \$630,000    | —                                                                                      | —                      | \$2,201,500 |
| <b>Non-NEO Directors Who Are Employees or Former Employees of the Company</b> |                             |              |                                                                                        |                        |             |
| J. Morgan Davis                                                               | —                           | —            | —                                                                                      | \$500,000(2)           | \$ 500,000  |
| Robert C. Hatley                                                              | \$ 65,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | \$ 11,589(2)           | \$ 116,589  |
| Steven W. Jones                                                               | —                           | —            | —                                                                                      | —                      | —           |
| R. Scott Morgan                                                               | \$ 65,000                   | \$ 40,000    | —                                                                                      | \$ 24,566(2)           | \$ 129,566  |

(1) Reflects the change in actuarial present value of SERP benefits. The SERP benefit is paid in equal monthly installments over a 15-year period upon attainment of retirement age. Accounting rules require that the expense be recorded over the participant's remaining service period prior to attainment of retirement eligibility.

(2) For work performed or consulting services in 2025, reflects the aggregate amount of (i) cash fees for Mr. Davis, \$500,000; (ii) personal usage of automobile for Mr. Hatley, \$11,589; and (iii) other payments for Mr. Morgan, \$24,566. See "Related Party Transactions" beginning on page 46.

(3) Mr. Jenkins joined the Board on April 1, 2025.

(4) Mr. Thurmond served as a director until May 14, 2025.



## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain directors and officers of the Company and members of their immediate families, and corporations, partnerships, and other entities with which such persons are associated, are customers of the Company. As such, these persons engaged in transactions with the Company in the ordinary course of business during 2025, and will have additional transactions with the Company in the future.

All loans extended and commitments to lend by the Company to directors, officers and members of their immediate families and corporations, partnerships and other entities with which such persons are affiliated are made in the ordinary course of business upon substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unaffiliated persons and do not involve more than the normal risk of collectibility or present other unfavorable features.

All related party transactions that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K of the Securities and Exchange Commission are identified and reviewed. The terms of all transactions of at least \$120,000 in which related persons had or will have direct or indirect material interests, including, on a sample basis, taking into account whether the transactions are on terms no less favorable to the Company than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third party under the same or similar circumstances are reviewed. Once this review is complete, a list of related party transactions is presented to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee reviews this list and is given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the related party transactions on the list.

**Office Space Owned by Directors.** The Company rents space for various financial centers from companies affiliated with certain directors. All leases are made in the ordinary course of business upon substantially the same terms as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unaffiliated persons. The Company rents space from OverYork, LLC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Overton Group. Jeffrey F. Benson is a partner and, together with his spouse, has a 21% ownership interest in The Overton Group. Rent expense and other payments related to this lease made by TowneBank for the year ended December 31, 2025 totaled \$319,000. The Company also rents space from Pavilion Center Associates, LLC, a company in which Andrew S. Fine is a manager and has a 1% ownership interest that is held in a trust with his wife as the sole beneficiary. In addition, Mr. Fine and his wife, collectively, have a 21% ownership interest in The Runnymede Corporation that is held in two trusts for which they and their children are the beneficiaries. The Runnymede Corporation, for which Mr. Fine serves as Co-Chair, charges management fees to Pavilion Center Associates, LLC. Rent expense related to this lease was \$771,000 for the year ended December 31, 2025. The Company also rents space from Pavilion Center II, LLC, which is 31% owned by Pavilion Center Associates, LLC and 69% by The Runnymede Corporation. Rent expense related to this lease was \$1,085,000 for the year ended December 31, 2025. The Company rents space from Sam Wards Corner, LLC, a company in which J. Christopher Perry has a 36% ownership interest. Rent expense related to this lease was \$148,000.

**Services Provided by Directors.** In the ordinary course of its business, the Company obtains certain goods and services from companies affiliated with certain directors. Such transactions are made in the ordinary course of business upon substantially the same terms as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unaffiliated persons. In 2025, the Company made payments to Hilton Norfolk the Main in connection with the use of hotel services. Payments made to Hilton Norfolk the Main totaled \$196,000 for the year ended December 31, 2025. John R. Lawson, II has a 33% ownership interest in Hilton Norfolk the Main. In 2025, the Company made payments to Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront Resort in connection with the use of hotel services. Payments made to Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront Resort totaled \$146,000 for the year ended December 31, 2025. John R. Lawson, II has a 21% ownership interest in Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront Resort. In 2025, the Company made payments to First Team Honda in connection with the acquisition of certain vehicles. Payments made to First Team Honda totaled \$128,000 for the year ended December 31, 2025. W. Ashton Lewis, Sr. has a 29% ownership interest in First Team Honda through a family trust.

**Transition Agreement with J. Morgan Davis.** On November 2, 2022, the Company entered into a letter agreement (the “Davis Advisory Agreement”) with J. Morgan Davis in connection with his stepping down as Chief Executive Officer on December 31, 2022 and transition to a senior advisory role. The Davis Advisory Agreement confirms the terms of Mr. Davis’s service as a senior advisor through June 30, 2026.

Under the Davis Advisory Agreement, Mr. Davis served as an employee senior advisor of the Company from the Succession Date through June 30, 2023 (the “Retirement Date”). During that time, his base salary was reduced to an annualized rate of



\$750,000, and he was not eligible for incentive awards or bonuses. Subject to Mr. Davis's continued employment through the Retirement Date, 1,274 otherwise unvested shares of restricted stock vested, and he received full credit for service for 2023 under his SERP (Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan Agreement). During that time, Mr. Davis remained eligible to continue to participate in standard Company benefit plans through the Retirement Date, subject to his eligibility under the terms of such plans, and he continued to be reimbursed for reasonable business expenses and provided with a Company owned automobile. He also received a supplemental payment of \$30,000 at the Retirement Date to help cover on-going health insurance costs. Mr. Davis's duties as an employee senior advisor included, among other things, the provision of transitional support in connection with the management succession, the maintenance and development of certain external Company relationships, and involvement with the operation and expansion of the Company's non-banking lines of business, including residential mortgage, insurance brokerage, vacation property management and real estate brokerage.

Under the Davis Advisory Agreement, Mr. Davis serves as a non-employee senior advisor to the Company during the three-year period commencing on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2026 (the "Davis Advisor Period"). Mr. Davis's duties as a non-employee advisor are consistent with his duties as an employee senior advisor; however, the expected time commitment is reduced. For each 12-month period during the three-year Davis Advisor Period, Mr. Davis earns an annual retainer of \$500,000. During the Davis Advisor Period, Mr. Davis continues to be reimbursed for reasonable business expenses and provided with a Company owned automobile and is eligible to be reimbursed for an annual physical examination. Mr. Davis is expected to continue to serve, with no additional compensation, during the Davis Advisor Period, on the board of directors of the Company and the board of directors of its subsidiary, Towne Financial Services Group, which oversees the Company non-banking lines of business. See "Compensation of Directors" beginning on page 44.

**Other Arrangements with Directors.** J. Morgan Davis, Robert C. Hatley, and R. Scott Morgan are former employees of the Company. During 2025, the payments under the Company's SERP to Messrs. Davis, Hatley and Morgan totaled \$506,127, \$121,622 and \$182,985, respectively.

**Family Relationships.** C. Ross Morgan, President of the Company's Real Estate Finance Group, is the son of R. Scott Morgan, a director of the Company. In 2025, Mr. Ross Morgan received total compensation of approximately \$351,000, including base salary and incentive bonus payments. Chelsea Copan, Senior Vice President and Private Banking Officer, is the daughter of Dawn S. Glynn, a member of the Corporate Management Group. In 2025, Ms. Copan received total compensation of approximately \$324,000, including base salary and incentive bonus payments. G. Robert Aston, III, Vice President and Commercial Banking Officer, is the son of G. Robert Aston, Jr., Executive Chairman of the Board. Mr. Aston received total compensation of approximately \$157,000, including base salary and incentive bonus payments. Each of these employees participates in Company benefit plans available to all other employees in similar positions. Each is compensated in a manner consistent with the Company's compensation practices applicable to employees with similar qualifications, responsibilities, and contributions to the Company.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors of the Company in fulfilling its responsibility for oversight of the quality and integrity of the accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices of the Company. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the committee met eight times. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, the Audit Committee is available either as a group or individually to discuss any matters that might affect the financial statements, internal controls or other financial aspects of the operations of the Company. Each member of the Audit Committee is an “independent director” as defined by Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2).

In the performance of its oversight responsibility, the Audit Committee discusses the results of the internal audit examinations and may discuss with management and the independent auditors the results of the internal audit examinations. The Audit Committee also discussed and reviewed with the independent auditors all communications required by generally accepted accounting standards in the United States, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the FDIC.

The Audit Committee has received from the independent auditors the written disclosures and the letter required by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent auditors’ communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, discussed with the independent auditors any relationships that may impact their objectivity and independence, and satisfied itself as to the auditors’ independence. The committee also discussed the quality and adequacy of the Company’s internal controls with management, the internal auditor and the independent auditors and the internal audit function’s organization, responsibilities, budget and staffing. The committee reviewed the audit plans, audit scope and identification of audit risks of both the independent and internal auditors.

The Audit Committee discussed and reviewed the audited financial statements of the Company as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, with management and the independent auditors. Management has the responsibility for the preparation of the Company’s financial statements, and the independent auditors have the responsibility for the examination of those statements.

Based on the above-mentioned review and discussions with management and the independent auditors, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the Company’s audited financial statements be included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, for filing with the FDIC.

## **Submitted by the Audit Committee of TowneBank:**

Elizabeth W. Robertson, Chair  
Frank E. Jenkins, Jr.  
Howard J. Jung  
Aubrey L. Layne, Jr.  
W. Ashton Lewis  
J. Christopher Perry  
Alan S. Witt

## *Consultants to the Audit Committee:*

Lawton H. Baker  
Robert E. Yancey



## ACCOUNTING FIRM FEES

The following table shows the fees billed for the audit and other services provided by Forvis Mazars, LLP for fiscal years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024. All non-audit services were reviewed by the Audit Committee, which concluded that the provision of such services by Forvis Mazars, LLP was compatible with maintaining the accounting firm's independence. It is the Audit Committee's policy to approve fees for services rendered by the Company's independent auditors only upon a review of such fees.

|                                   | 2025        | 2024        |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>         | \$1,351,390 | \$1,088,037 |
| Audit-related Fees <sup>(2)</sup> | 20,580      | 32,150      |
| Tax Fees                          | —           | —           |
| All Other Fees                    | —           | —           |
| Total                             | \$1,371,970 | \$1,120,187 |

- (1) Audit fees represent professional services rendered in connection with the audit of the Company's annual financial statements and reviews of the financial statements included in the Company's Forms 10-Q for the fiscal years. Also included in the total amount billed are fees related to the report on effectiveness of internal control as required by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991, the report on internal control as required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act Section 404, and services performed in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.
- (2) Audit-related fees consisted primarily of accounting consultations and other attestation services, including employee benefit plan audits and its due diligence, accounting assistance and other attestation services in connection with proposed or consummated mergers or acquisitions.

### Pre-Approval Policy

Under the Audit Committee's pre-approval policy, the Audit Committee is required to review the services expected to be provided by the independent auditor to ensure that the provision of such services will not impair the auditor's independence. For other services provided by the independent auditor that are not specifically excluded, pre-approval by the Audit Committee on an individual project basis is required. Approval for such services may be requested at the next Audit Committee meeting. If earlier approval is necessary, it may be obtained in accordance with the Audit Committee's delegation to the Chair of the Audit Committee, in which case the decision must be presented to the full Audit Committee at its next meeting. For any financial or other consulting or advisory services to be provided by an outside firm, other than the independent auditor, and which services are within the purview of the Audit Committee, pre-approval by the Audit Committee on an individual project basis is required if the estimated fees for such project exceed \$25,000. A summary of all fees paid for any financial services, whether to the independent auditor or to other outside providers, must be presented annually to the Audit Committee.

## RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS — PROPOSAL TWO

The Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, has appointed Forvis Mazars, LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2026, and has further directed that management submit the selection of independent auditors for ratification by the shareholders at the Annual Meeting.

Representatives of the firm are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will be given an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The ratification of the appointment of Forvis Mazars, LLP requires that the votes cast "for" exceed the number of votes cast "against" the proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.



**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of Forvis Mazars, LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.**



# ADVISORY VOTE ON TOWNEBANK'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION — PROPOSAL THREE

Shareholders are being given the opportunity to vote on an advisory (non-binding) resolution at the Annual Meeting to approve TowneBank's executive compensation policies and procedures as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables, and related discussion in this Proxy Statement. This proposal, commonly known as a "say-on-pay" proposal, gives shareholders the opportunity to endorse or not endorse TowneBank's executive pay program through the following resolution:

*"Resolved, that TowneBank's shareholders approve the compensation of the Named Executive Officers as disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table, the other compensation tables, the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the related disclosures in this Proxy Statement."*

We have included this proposal in the Proxy Statement pursuant to the requirements of Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Because this vote is advisory, it will not be binding upon the Board. However, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation arrangements.

The Compensation Committee respectfully requests that you consider the following:

- Since the founding of the Company in 1998, TowneBank's ultimate strategic business concept has been to attract, recruit and retain the best bankers in its market areas. It was and remains our belief that extraordinary people will achieve extraordinary results.
- Since the founding of the Company, the leadership of TowneBank has created a locally focused bank with approximately \$19.69 billion in total assets as of December 31, 2025, making it one of the top performing banks in the United States. Additionally, the Company enjoys a stellar reputation based on honesty, integrity, and doing the right thing.
- We believe our employees are our most important and valuable asset.

The approval of the advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers as described in this Proxy Statement requires that the votes cast "for" exceed the number of votes cast "against" the proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal.



**The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote "FOR" approval of the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers as described in this Proxy Statement pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission's compensation disclosure rules, which disclosure includes the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the related disclosures in this Proxy Statement.**

## SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

The Company expects its 2027 Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on May 19, 2027. To be considered for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement relating to the 2027 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, shareholder proposals must be received no later than December 11, 2026, and comply with the Company's bylaws. To be considered for presentation at such meeting, although not included in the Company's proxy statement, a shareholder proposal must comply with the Company's bylaws and must be delivered to the Company not less than 60 nor more than 90 days before May 19, 2027. All shareholder proposals should be marked to the attention of Corporate Secretary, TowneBank, 6001 Harbour View Boulevard, Suffolk, Virginia 23435.

## SHAREHOLDERS SHARING THE SAME ADDRESS

The Company has adopted a procedure called "householding," which has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Under this procedure, the Company will deliver only one copy of the Company's 2025 Annual Report and this Proxy Statement to multiple shareholders who share the same address (if they appear to be members of the same family) unless the Company has received contrary instructions from an affected shareholder. Shareholders who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards. This procedure reduces the Company's printing costs, mailing costs, and fees.

Copies of the 2025 Annual Report and this Proxy Statement are available on the "Investor Relations" page of the Company's website at [www.townebank.com](http://www.townebank.com) under the heading "Financials" and the subheading "Filing Documents". The Company will deliver promptly upon written or oral request a separate copy of the 2025 Annual Report and this Proxy Statement to any shareholder at a shared address to which a single copy of either of those documents was delivered. To receive a separate copy of the 2025 Annual Report or this Proxy Statement, shareholders should contact the Company at:

Investor Relations—TowneBank  
6001 Harbour View Blvd.  
Suffolk, Virginia 23435  
(757) 638-6700  
[investor.relations@townebank.net](mailto:investor.relations@townebank.net)

If you are a shareholder and share an address and last name with one or more other shareholders and would like to revoke your householding consent and receive a separate copy of the Company's annual report or proxy statement in the future, please contact our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., at (800) 368-5948 or by email at [Shareholder@computershare.com](mailto:Shareholder@computershare.com). You will be removed from the householding program within 30 days of receipt of the revocation of your consent.

A number of brokerage firms have instituted householding. If you hold your shares in "street name," please contact your bank, broker or other holder of record to request information about householding.

## SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Shareholders and other parties interested in communicating directly with the non-management directors as a group may do so by writing to Corporate Secretary, TowneBank, 6001 Harbour View Boulevard, Suffolk, Virginia 23435. The Corporate Secretary of the Company reviews all such correspondence and regularly forwards to the Board a summary of all such correspondence and copies of all correspondence that, in the opinion of the Corporate Secretary, deals with the functions of the Board or committees thereof or otherwise requires its attention.

Directors may, at any time, review a log of all correspondence received by the Company that is addressed to members of the Board and request copies of any such correspondence. Concerns relating to accounting, internal controls or auditing matters are immediately brought to the attention of the Company's internal audit division and handled in accordance with procedures established by the Audit Committee with respect to such matters.



# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

A complete set of proxy materials relating to the Annual Meeting is available on the Internet. These materials can be viewed at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

## ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

A copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025, excluding exhibits, as filed with the FDIC, is available on the "Investor Relations" page of the Company's website at [www.townebank.com](http://www.townebank.com) under the heading "Financials" and the subheading "Filing Documents". Upon request by any shareholder to the following address, a copy of the 2025 Form 10-K will be furnished without charge:

Investor Relations—TowneBank  
6001 Harbour View Boulevard  
Suffolk, Virginia 23435  
(757) 638-6700  
[investor.relations@townebank.net](mailto:investor.relations@townebank.net)





TOWNEBANK  
6001 HARBOUR VIEW BLVD.  
SUFFOLK, VA 23435  
ATTN: CORPORATE SECRETARY



**SCAN TO  
VIEW MATERIALS & VOTE**



**VOTE BY INTERNET - [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or scan the QR Barcode above**

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information. Vote by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 19, 2026 for shares held directly and by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 14, 2026 for shares held in the Plan. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the website and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

**ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS**

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

**VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903**

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions. Vote by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 19, 2026 for shares held directly and by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 14, 2026 for shares held in the Plan. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

**VOTE BY MAIL**

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

**THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.**

**TOWNEBANK**

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** all the nominees listed in Proposal 1 and **FOR** Proposals 2 and 3.

1. To elect ten (10) directors:

**Nominees:**

For terms expiring in 2029:

1a. Jeffrey F. Benson

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1b. Richard Cullen

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1c. Douglas D. Ellis

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1d. William I. Foster III

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1e. Howard J. Jung

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1f. Stephanie J. Marioneaux

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1g. Thomas K. Norment, Jr.

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1h. Alan S. Witt

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For term expiring in 2027:

1i. Steven W. Jones

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For term expiring in 2028:

1j. G. Robin Perkins, III

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**For Against Abstain**

2. To ratify the selection of Forvis Mazars, LLP, certified public accountants, as independent auditors of TowneBank for 2026.

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3. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, TowneBank's named executive officer compensation.

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4. In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting. Management at present knows of no other business to be presented at the meeting.

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by authorized officer.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]

Date

Signature (Joint Owners)

Date

**Annual Meeting of TowneBank Shareholders  
May 20, 2026, 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time  
Virginia Beach Convention Center  
1000 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451**

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**TOWNEBANK  
Annual Meeting of Shareholders  
May 20, 2026 11:30 a.m.  
This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors**

The undersigned, revoking all prior proxies, hereby appoints John R. Lawson, II, Andrew S. Fine, R. Scott Morgan, and Robert M. Oman, as proxies, and each or any of them, with full power of substitution, and hereby authorizes each of them to represent and to vote, as indicated on the matters set forth on the reverse hereof and in their discretion upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting, all the shares of common stock of TowneBank held of record by the undersigned at the close of business on March 26, 2026, at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 20, 2026, and at any adjournments and postponements thereof.

**This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed on the reverse hereof by the undersigned shareholder. If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted "FOR" all nominees listed in Proposal 1 and "FOR" Proposals 2 and 3. The proxies, in their discretion, are further authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and any adjournments or postponements thereof.**

**This card also serves to instruct the trustee of the TowneBank Stock and Savings Plan how to vote shares held for a participant in the Plan. Unless your proxy for your Plan shares is received by May 14, 2026, the trustee of the Plan will vote your Plan shares in the same proportion as those Plan shares for which instructions have been received.**

**Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope. If you vote by phone or vote using the Internet, please do not mail your proxy.**

**Continued and to be marked, signed, and dated on reverse side**