## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 27, 2024

#### **CAPITAL BANCORP, INC.**

**Maryland** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 001-38671

52-2083046 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2275 Research Boulevard, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland 20850 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(301) 468-8848

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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#### Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 27, 2024, Capital Bancorp, Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Capital"), and Integrated Financial Holdings, Inc., a North Carolina corporation ("IFHI"), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization (the "Merger Agreement"). The Merger Agreement provides that, upon the terms and conditions therein, IFHI will merge with and into Capital (the "Merger"), with Capital continuing as the surviving corporation in the Merger. Following the Merger, West Town Bank & Trust, a state bank chartered under the laws of Illinois and wholly owned subsidiary of IFHI, will merge (the "Bank Merger") with and into Capital Bank, N.A. ("Capital Bank"), a national bank and wholly owned subsidiary of Capital, with Capital Bank as the surviving bank. The Merger Agreement was unanimously approved by the boards of directors of Capital and IFHI.

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Merger Agreement, at the effective time of the Merger (the "Effective Time"), each share of the common stock, \$1.00 par value per share, of IFHI ("IFHI Common Stock") outstanding immediately before the Effective Time, other than shares owned by Capital, IFHI or a subsidiary of either, or shares held by shareholders who have validly exercised their appraisal rights under North Carolina law, shall be converted into the right to receive (i) 1.115 shares of the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of Capital ("Capital Common Stock"), and (ii), subject to certain adjustments, \$5.36 in cash, as well as cash in lieu of fractional shares. Shareholders of IFHI that comply with the applicable "appraisal rights" provisions of the North Carolina Business Corporation Act, as amended (the "Act"), will be entitled to payment of the fair value of such IFHI Common Stock in accordance with the applicable provisions of such Act. The cash portion of the merger consideration is subject to downward adjustment by the amount, if any, that IFHI's Adjusted Tangible Common Equity (as defined in the Merger Agreement) is below \$60,593,582 as of the last day of the month immediately prior to the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. The cash portion of the merger consideration is also subject to increase, up to a maximum amount of \$0.88 per share of IFHI Common Stock, upon the sale of certain IFHI credits prior to closing for amounts in excess of specified marks. In addition, IFHI will, prior to Closing, declare a special dividend to its shareholders of the common stock it holds in Dogwood State Bank, a North Carolina state-charted bank (or will liquidate such common stock and distribute the proceeds to its shareholders) (the "Pre-Closing Dividend").

In addition, at the Effective Time, each stock option granted by IFHI to purchase shares of IFHI Common Stock pursuant to an IFHI equity plan, whether vested or unvested, immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be assumed by Capital and converted into an economically equivalent option to purchase Capital Common Stock, with the same terms and conditions as applied to the IFHI stock option. Each share of IFHI Common Stock subject to vesting, repurchase or other lapse restriction that is unvested or contingent and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall fully vest (with any performance-based vesting condition deemed satisfied to the extent provided in the applicable award agreement) and shall be cancelled and converted automatically into the right to receive merger consideration in respect of each such share of IFHI Common Stock underlying such restricted stock award.

The Merger Agreement contains customary representations and warranties from both Capital and IFHI, and each party has agreed to customary covenants, including among others, covenants relating to (i) the conduct of its business during the interim period between the execution of the Merger Agreement and the Effective Time, (ii) obligation to call a meeting of its shareholders to approve the Merger Agreement and, subject to certain exceptions, to recommend that its shareholders approve the Merger Agreement, (iii), in the case of Capital, use its reasonable best efforts cause the shares of Capital Common Stock to be issued as merger consideration to be approved for listing on the NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC ("NASDAQ") and (iv) in the case of IFHI, non-solicitation obligations relating to alternative acquisition proposals. Capital and IFHI have also agreed to use their reasonable best efforts to prepare and file all applications, notices and other documents to obtain all necessary consents and approvals for consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement.

The completion of the Merger is subject to customary conditions, including (i) approval of the Merger Agreement by Capital's IFHI's shareholders, (ii) authorization for listing on NASDAQ of the shares of Capital Common Stock to be issued in the Merger, (iii) receipt of required regulatory approvals, without the imposition of any condition or restriction that would be reasonably expected to have a material adverse effect on the surviving corporation and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, after giving effect to the Merger, (iv) effectiveness of the registration statement on Form S-4 for the Capital Common Stock to be issued in the Merger, (v) the absence of any order, injunction, decree or other legal restraint preventing the completion of the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement or making the completion of the Merger illegal, (vi) the calculation of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity becoming final and binding pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement and (vii) the cash portion of the merger consider not be adjusted to an amount less than \$1.00 per share of IFHI Common Stock. Each party's obligation to complete the Merger is also subject to certain additional customary conditions, including (a) subject to certain exceptions, the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the other party, (b) performance in all material respects by the other party of its obligations under the Merger Agreement, (c) receipt by such party of an

opinion from its counsel to the effect that the Merger will qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (d) no material adverse effect with respect to the other party having occurred since the date of the Merger Agreement and (e) the Pre-Closing Dividend having received regulatory approval necessary to permit it being declared and distributed. Capital's obligation to complete the Merger is further subject to certain conditions, including the continued effectiveness of certain employment agreements with certain employees of IFHI, no more than 10% of IFHI shareholders having exercised appraisal rights and the Pre-Closing Dividend having been declared and distributed.

The Merger Agreement provides certain termination rights for both Capital and IFHI, including the right of IFHI to terminate the Merger Agreement if, during a specified period prior to the closing of the Merger, the average closing price of Capital Common Stock is less than 82.5% of its average closing price over the 20 trading days immediately prior to the announcement of the Merger Agreement, and Capital Common Stock underperforms a specified peer group index by more than 17.5% (provided, that, Capital will have a right to increase the merger consideration to prevent these thresholds from being triggered in the event that IFHI seeks to exercise this right). Except for any such adjustments in connection with such a termination scenario, the stock portion of the merger consideration is fixed at 1.115 shares of Capital Common Stock for each share of IFH Common Stock. The Merger Agreement further provides that a termination fee of \$3.0 million will be payable to Capital, as applicable, upon termination of the Merger Agreement under certain circumstances.

In connection with the Merger Agreement, directors and certain executive officers of IFHI entered into voting and support agreements with Capital in which they have agreed, among other things, to vote the shares of IFHI Common Stock owned beneficially or of record by such stockholder in favor of the Merger Agreement and the Merger at the special meeting of IFHI's shareholders at which these matters are to be considered.

The representations, warranties and covenants of each party set forth in the Merger Agreement have been made only for purposes of, and were and are solely for the benefit of the parties to, the Merger Agreement; may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures made for the purposes of allocating contractual risk between the parties to the Merger Agreement instead of establishing these matters as facts; and may be subject to standards of materiality applicable to the contracting parties that differ from those applicable to investors. Accordingly, the representations and warranties may not describe the actual state of affairs at the date they were made or at any other time, and investors should not rely on them as statements of fact. In addition, such representations and warranties (i) will not survive consummation of the Merger and (ii) were made only as of the date of the Merger Agreement or such other date as is specified in the Merger Agreement. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of the representations and warranties may change after the date of the Merger Agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in the parties' public disclosures. Accordingly, the Merger Agreement is included with this filing only to provide investors with information regarding the terms of the Merger Agreement, and not to provide investors with any other factual information regarding Capital or IFHI, their respective businesses. The Merger Agreement should not be read alone, but should instead be read in conjunction with the other information regarding Capital, IFHI, their respective affiliates and their respective businesses, the Merger Agreement and the Merger that will be contained in, or incorporated by reference into, the registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a joint proxy statement of Capital and IFHI and a prospectus of Capital, as well as the information in the Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quart

The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K and the exhibits filed herewith include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with respect to Capital's and IFHI's beliefs, goals, intentions, and expectations regarding the proposed transaction and anticipated financial results; our estimates of future costs and benefits of the actions we may take; our assessments of interest rate and other market risks; our ability to achieve our financial and other strategic goals; the expected timing of completion of the proposed transaction; the expected costs of the transaction; the expected cost savings, synergies and other anticipated benefits from the proposed transaction; and other statements that are not historical facts

Forward-looking statements are typically identified by such words as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "outlook," "estimate," "forecast," "project," "should," "will," and other similar words and expressions, and are subject

to numerous assumptions, risks, and uncertainties, which change over time. These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, those relating to the terms, timing and closing of the proposed transaction.

Additionally, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made; Capital and IFHI do not assume any duty, and do not undertake, to update such forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law. Furthermore, because forward-looking statements are subject to assumptions and uncertainties, actual results or future events could differ, possibly materially, from those indicated in such forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are beyond the control of Capital and IFHI. Such statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of the management of Capital and IFHI and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties outside of the control of the parties. Caution should be exercised against placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, the following: the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the right of one or both of the parties to terminate the definitive Merger Agreement between Capital and IFHI; the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against Capital or IFHI; the possibility that the proposed transaction will not close when expected or at all because required regulatory, shareholder or other approvals are not received or other conditions to the closing are not satisfied on a timely basis or at all, or are obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated (and the risk that required regulatory approvals may result in the imposition of conditions that could adversely affect the combined company or the expected benefits of the proposed transaction); the ability of Capital and IFHI to meet expectations regarding the timing, completion and accounting and tax treatments of the proposed transaction; the risk that any announcements relating to the proposed transaction could have adverse effects on the market price of the common stock of Capital; the possibility that the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction will not be realized when expected or at all, including as a result of the impact of, or problems arising from, the integration of the two companies or as a result of the strength of the economy and competitive factors in the areas where Capital and IFHI do business; certain restrictions during the pendency of the proposed transaction that may impact the parties' ability to pursue certain business opportunities or strategic transactions; the possibility that the transaction may be more expensive to complete than anticipated, including as a result of unexpected factors or events; diversion of management's attention from ongoing business operations and opportunities; the possibility that the parties may be unable to achieve expected synergies and operating efficiencies in the Merger within the expected timeframes or at all and to successfully integrate IFHI's operations and those of Capital; such integration may be more difficult, time consuming or costly than expected; revenues following the proposed transaction may be lower than expected; IFHI's and Capital's success in executing their respective business plans and strategies and managing the risks involved in the foregoing; the dilution caused by Capital's issuance of additional shares of its capital stock in connection with the proposed transaction; effects of the announcement, pendency or completion of the proposed transaction on the ability of IFHI and Capital to retain customers and retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with their suppliers, and on their operating results and businesses generally; risks related to the potential impact of general economic, political and market factors on the companies or the proposed transaction and other factors that may affect future results of IFHI and Capital; the effects of inflation on IFHI, Capital and the proposed transaction; the impact of changing interest rates on IFHI and Capital; and the other factors discussed in the "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" sections of Capital's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 and in other reports Capital files with the SEC.

#### Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction, Capital will file a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC. The registration statement will include a joint proxy statement of Capital and IFHI, which also constitutes a prospectus of Capital, that will be sent to Capital's and IFHI's shareholders seeking certain approvals related to the proposed transaction. The information contained herein does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF CAPITAL AND IFHI AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES ARE URGED TO READ, WHEN AVAILABLE, THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4, THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT IFHI, CAPITAL AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain a free copy of the registration statement, including the joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other relevant documents filed by Capital with the SEC containing information about IFHI and Capital, without charge, at the SEC's website (http://www.sec.gov). In addition, copies of documents filed with the SEC by Capital will be made available free of charge

in the "Investor Relations" section of Capital's website, https://www.capitalbankmd.com, under the heading "SEC Filings;" and investors may obtain free copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) by contacting Integrated Financial Holdings, Inc., Attn: Steven E. Crouse, 8450 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 202, Raleigh, NC 27615, telephone: (919) 861-8018.

#### Participants in Solicitation

IFHI, Capital, and certain of their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction under the rules of the SEC. Information regarding Capital's directors and executive officers is available in its definitive proxy statement, which was filed with the SEC on April 4, 2023, and certain other documents filed by Capital with the SEC. Other information regarding the participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC. Free copies of these documents, when available, may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	Description
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated March 27, 2024, by and between Capital Bancorp, Inc. and Integrated Financial Holdings, Inc.*
99.1	Form of Voting and Support Agreement between Capital Bancorp, Inc. and certain shareholders of Integrated Financial Holdings, Inc., dated March 27, 2024 (included as Exhibit A to the Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization filed as Exhibit 2.1).
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).
*	Schedules have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. A copy of any omitted schedule will be furnished to the SEC upon request; provided, however, that the parties may request confidential treatment pursuant to Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for any document so furnished.

#### SIGNATURES

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

CAPITAL BANCORP, INC.

Date: April 1, 2024 By:

<u>/s/ Jay Walker</u> Jay Walker Chief Financial Officer

## AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER AND REORGANIZATION

by and between

Capital Bancorp, Inc.

and

Integrated Financial Holdings, Inc.

Dated as of March 27, 2024

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#### AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER AND REORGANIZATION

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER AND REORGANIZATION, dated as of March 27, 2024 (this "Agreement"), is by and between Integrated Financial Holdings, Inc., a North Carolina corporation ("Company"), and Capital Bancorp, Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Purchaser").

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of Purchaser and Company have determined that it is in the best interests of their respective companies and their shareholders to consummate the strategic business combination transaction provided for herein, pursuant to which Company will, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, merge with and into Purchaser (the "Merger"), so that Purchaser is the surviving corporation (hereinafter sometimes referred to in such capacity as the "Surviving Corporation") in the Merger; and

WHEREAS, for Federal income tax purposes, it is intended that the Merger qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and this Agreement is intended to be and is adopted as a plan of reorganization for purposes of Sections 354 and 361 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement for Purchaser to enter into this Agreement, the directors and certain executive officers of Company, in their capacity as shareholders, have simultaneously herewith entered into a voting agreement (collectively, the "Voting Agreements") in connection with the Merger, substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to make certain representations, warranties and agreements in connection with the Merger and also to prescribe certain conditions to the Merger.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, representations, warranties and agreements contained herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I THE MERGER

- 1.1 <u>The Merger</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, in accordance with the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "<u>MGCL</u>") and the North Carolina Business Corporation Act (the "<u>NCBCA</u>"), at the Effective Time, Company shall merge with and into Purchaser. Purchaser shall be the Surviving Corporation in the Merger and shall continue its corporate existence under the laws of the State of Maryland. Upon consummation of the Merger, the separate corporate existence of Company shall terminate.
- 1.2 <u>Effective Time</u>. The Merger shall become effective as set forth in the articles of merger to be filed with the North Carolina Secretary of State and the articles of merger to be filed with the Maryland Secretary of State, respectively, on the Closing Date (collectively, the "<u>Certificates of Merger</u>"). The term "<u>Effective Time</u>" shall be the date and time when the Merger becomes effective, as set forth in the Certificates of Merger.

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1.3 <u>Effects of the Merger</u>. At and after the Effective Time, the Merger shall have the effects set forth in the applicable provisions of the MGCL and the NCBCA. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and subject thereto, at the Effective Time, all the property, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of Company shall vest in the Surviving Corporation, and all debts, liabilities and duties of Company shall become the debts, liabilities and duties of the Surviving Corporation.

#### 1.4 Conversion of Company Common Stock.

- (a) Subject to Section 2.2(e), each share of the voting common stock, \$1.00 par value per share ("Voting Common Stock") and non-voting common stock, \$1.00 par value per share ("Non-Voting Common Stock"), of Company issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (collectively, "Company Common Stock"), except for (i) shares of Company Common Stock owned by Company as treasury stock or owned by Company or Purchaser or a Subsidiary of either (in each case other than in a fiduciary or agency capacity or as a result of debts previously contracted) and (ii) Appraisal Shares, shall be converted into the right to receive the following, without interest:
- (i) 1.115 shares (the "Exchange Ratio") of the common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of Purchaser (the "Purchaser Common Stock"); it being understood that upon the Effective Time, the Purchaser Common Stock, including the shares issued to former holders of Company Common Stock, shall be the common shares of the Surviving Corporation (the "Stock Consideration"); and
- (ii) \$5.36 in cash, subject to any applicable adjustment pursuant to Section 1.4(d) (the "Per Share Cash Consideration" and, together with the Stock Consideration, the "Merger Consideration").
- All of the shares of Company Common Stock converted into the right to receive Purchaser Common Stock and cash pursuant to this Article I shall no longer be outstanding and shall automatically be cancelled and shall cease to exist as of the Effective Time, and each certificate (each, a "Certificate", it being understood that any reference herein to "Certificate" shall be deemed to include reference to book-entry account statements relating to the ownership of shares of Company Common Stock) previously representing any such shares of Company Common Stock shall thereafter represent only the right to receive (i) the number of whole shares of Purchaser Common Stock which such shares of Company Common Stock have been converted into the right to receive, (ii) the Per Share Cash Consideration, without any interest thereon, (iii) cash in lieu of fractional shares which the shares of Company Common Stock represented by such Certificate have been converted into the right to receive pursuant to this Section 1.4 and Section 2.2(e), without any interest thereon and (iv) any dividends or distributions which the holder thereof has the right to receive pursuant to Section 2.2. Certificates previously representing shares of Company Common Stock shall be exchanged for certificates or, at Purchaser's option, evidence of shares in book-entry form representing whole shares of Purchaser Common Stock (together with the Per Share Cash Consideration, any dividends or distributions with respect thereto and cash in lieu of fractional shares issued in consideration therefor) upon the surrender of such Certificates in accordance with

- Section 2.2, without any interest thereon. If, prior to the Effective Time, the outstanding shares of Purchaser Common Stock or Company Common Stock shall have been increased, decreased, changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind of shares or securities as a result of a reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, or other similar change in capitalization, or there shall be any extraordinary dividend or distribution, an appropriate and proportionate adjustment shall be made to the Exchange Ratio to give the holders of Company Common Stock the same economic effect as contemplated by this Agreement prior to such event (provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that the Pre-Closing Dividend shall not trigger the foregoing adjustment).
- (c) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, at the Effective Time, all shares of Company Common Stock that are owned by Company or Purchaser (in each case other than in a fiduciary or agency capacity or as a result of debts previously contracted) shall be cancelled and shall cease to exist and no stock of Purchaser or other consideration shall be delivered in exchange therefor.
- (d) The aggregate Per Share Cash Consideration payable under Section 1.4(a)(ii) shall be adjusted in accordance with this Section 1.4(d) by the Adjustment Amount, if any. For purposes of this Agreement, the "Adjustment Amount" means: the Shortfall Amount (as defined herein) less the Loan Recovery Amount (as defined herein). Accordingly, if there is an Adjustment Amount, the Per Share Cash Consideration shall be adjusted as follows:
- (i) If the Adjustment Amount is a positive number, the Per Share Cash Consideration shall be reduced by the quotient (rounded to the nearest cent) obtained by dividing (A) the Adjustment Amount by (B) the number of shares of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and eligible to receive Merger Consideration pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Company Restricted Stock Awards); or
- (ii) If the Adjustment Amount is a negative number, the Per Share Cash Consideration shall be increased by the quotient obtained (rounded to the nearest cent) obtained by dividing (A) the absolute value of the Adjustment Amount by (B) the number of shares of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and eligible to receive Merger Consideration pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Company Restricted Stock Awards).
- (iii) For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
- (A) The "Shortfall Amount" means: the amount, if any, by which the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity (as defined in Section 6.24) is less than \$60,593,582. If there is no shortfall, the Shortfall Amount is zero for purposes of the calculations under this Section 1.4(d). Unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the parties, the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity as reflected in the Final Calculation (as the same becomes final and binding under the provisions of Section 6.24) shall be the Adjusted

Tangible Common Equity used for the purpose of the determination of any Adjustment Amount.

- (B) The "Loan Recovery Amount" means (1) the sum of, for each credit listed on Section 1.4(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule and that is sold by Company or its applicable Subsidiary prior to Closing, the amount, if any, by which the sales price for the applicable credit exceeds Purchaser's corresponding Credit Mark Adjusted Balance for the credit listed on Section 1.4(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, multiplied by (2) 0.75225; provided, however, in no event will the Loan Recovery Amount exceed \$0.88 per share of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and eligible to receive Merger Consideration.
- Appraisal Rights. Each holder of shares of Company Common Stock shall be entitled to exercise appraisal rights in accordance with and as contemplated by Section 55-13-02 of the NCBCA. Any holder of Company Common Stock who perfects such holder's appraisal rights in accordance with Article 13 of the NCBCA shall be entitled to receive the fair value of such holder's shares ("Appraisal Shares") in cash as determined pursuant to the provisions of Article 13 of the NCBCA (and at the Effective Time, such Appraisal Shares shall no longer be outstanding and shall automatically be cancelled and shall cease to exist and such holder shall cease to have any rights with respect thereto, except the rights provided for pursuant to the applicable provisions of the NCBCA and this Section 1.5); provided that no such payment shall be made to any shareholder asserting appraisal rights unless and until such shareholder has complied with the applicable provisions of Article 13 of the NCBCA and surrendered to Company (or, as applicable, the Surviving Corporation) the Certificate or Certificates (if such shares are in certificated form) representing the Appraisal Shares for which payment is being made or has given written instructions for the surrender of any such Appraisal Shares held in book-entry form. In the event that after the Effective Time a shareholder of Company asserting appraisal rights fails to perfect, or effectively withdraws or loses, such holder's right to appraisal and of payment for such holder's shares under Article 13 of the NCBCA, Purchaser shall issue and deliver the Merger Consideration to which such holder of Company Common Stock is entitled under Section 1.4 upon surrender by such holder of the Certificate or Certificates representing shares of Company Common Stock held by such holder or delivery of a written instruction for the surrender of any such shares held in book entry form. Company shall give Purchaser (a) prompt notice, and a copy, of any written notices to exercise appraisal rights in respect of any shares of Company Common Stock, attempted withdrawals of such notices and any other instruments and documents served pursuant to the NCBCA and received by Company relating to appraisal rights and (b) the opportunity to participate in negotiations and proceedings with respect to demands for fair value under the NCBCA. Company shall not, except with the prior written consent of Purchaser or as otherwise required by applicable law, make any payment with respect to, or settle, or offer or agree to settle, any such demand for payment. Any portion of the Exchange Fund (as defined herein) made available to the Exchange Agent pursuant to Article II to pay for shares of Company Common Stock for which appraisal rights have been perfected shall be returned to Purchaser upon demand.

#### 1.6 Reserved.

1.7 <u>Purchaser Common Stock</u>. At and after the Effective Time, each share of Purchaser Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain an issued and outstanding common share of the Surviving Corporation and shall not be affected by the Merger.

#### 1.8 <u>Treatment of Company Equity Awards</u>.

- At the Effective Time, each option granted by Company to purchase shares of Company Common Stock under a Company Stock Plan (as defined below), whether vested or unvested, that is outstanding and unexercised immediately prior to the Effective Time (a "Company Stock Option") shall, without any further action on the part of any holder thereof, be assumed by Purchaser and converted into an option to purchase Purchaser Common Stock (a "Purchaser Stock Option") in accordance with this Section 1.8(a). Each such Purchaser Stock Option as so issued upon such conversion shall continue to have, and shall be subject to, the same terms and conditions as applied to the Company Stock Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, as such terms may exist after taking into account, as applicable, any Extraordinary Event Adjustments. As of the Effective Time, each such Purchaser Stock Option as so issued upon such conversion shall be an option to acquire that number of whole shares of Purchaser Common Stock (rounded down to the nearest whole share) equal to the product of (i) the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Company Stock Option, multiplied by (ii) the Equity Award Exchange Ratio, at an exercise price per share of Purchaser Common Stock (rounded up to the nearest whole cent) equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the exercise price per share of Company Common Stock of such Company Stock Option by (B) the Equity Award Exchange Ratio, provided, that the exercise price and the number of shares of Purchaser Common Stock subject to the Purchaser Stock Option shall be determined in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, and, in the case of Company Stock Options that are intended to qualify as incentive stock options within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, consistent with the requirements of Section 424(a) of the Code.
- (b) Immediately prior to the Effective Time (but contingent upon the Closing), each award in respect of a share of Company Common Stock subject to vesting, repurchase or other lapse restriction granted under a Company Stock Plan that is unvested or contingent and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (a "Company Restricted Stock Award") shall fully vest (with any performance-based vesting condition applicable to such Company Restricted Stock Award deemed satisfied to the extent provided in the applicable award agreement) and shall be cancelled and converted automatically into the right to receive Merger Consideration in respect of each such share of Company Common Stock under such Company Restricted Stock Award, less applicable withholding Taxes.
- (c) At the Effective Time, each Other Company Equity Award, whether or not then vested or free of conditions to payment, automatically and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, shall be cancelled and converted into the right to receive a number of shares of Purchaser Common Stock equal to the product of (i) the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Other Company Equity Award

multiplied by (ii) the Equity Award Exchange Ratio, with cash payable in lieu of fractional shares. The Surviving Corporation shall issue the consideration described in this Section 1.8(c), net of applicable Tax withholdings, which shall be accomplished through the withholding of shares of Purchaser Common Stock with a value equal to the applicable Tax withholding obligation, within five (5) business days following the Closing Date.

- (d) Purchaser shall take all corporate action necessary to issue a sufficient number of shares of Purchaser Common Stock with respect to the settlement of Company Equity Awards contemplated by this Section 1.8. Any resolutions adopted or notices or other documents issued to award holders in connection with Company's implementation of this Section 1.8 shall be subject to Purchaser's reasonable prior review and approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.
- (e) At or prior to the Effective Time, Company, the Board of Directors of Company and its Compensation Committee, as applicable, and Purchaser, the Board of Directors of Purchaser, and its Compensation Committee, as applicable, shall adopt any resolutions and take any actions that are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Section 1.8.
- For purposes of this Agreement, (i) "Company Stock Plans" means Company's 2018 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, Amended and Restated 2019 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan, 2010 Stock Option Plan, 2013 Stock Option Plan and all other employee and director equity incentive plans or agreements of Company as of the date of this Agreement; (ii) "Equity Award Exchange Ratio" means the sum of (A) the Exchange Ratio and (B) the quotient (rounded to four decimal places) obtained by dividing the Per Share Cash Consideration by the Starting Market Value; (iii) "Starting Market Value" means \$20.30, which represents the average of the per share closing price of a share of Purchaser Common Stock on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") (as reported in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, or if not reported therein, in another authoritative source) over the twenty (20) consecutive trading day period ending on the third business day immediately prior to the date of this Agreement, rounded to the nearest whole cent; (iv) "Other Company Equity Award" means each other equity-based award granted by Company under the Company Stock Plans that is outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and that is not a Company Stock Option or a Company Restricted Stock Award (and together with the Company Stock Options and the Company Restricted Stock Awards, the "Company Equity Awards") and (v) "Extraordinary Event Adjustments" means any appropriate adjustments made to the exercise price, number of underlying shares of Company Common Stock, or other potential terms of Company Stock Options prior to the Effective Time by Company's Board of Directors (or its applicable committee) on account of the extraordinary Pre-Closing Dividend, in each case subject to and contingent on payment of the Pre-Closing Dividend and consistent with the existing terms and conditions of the applicable Company Stock Plan.
- 1.9 <u>Articles of Incorporation of Surviving Corporation</u>. At the Effective Time, the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Purchaser (the "<u>Purchaser Articles</u>"), as in effect at the Effective Time, shall be the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter amended in accordance with applicable law.

- 1.10 <u>Bylaws of Surviving Corporation</u>. At the Effective Time, the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Purchaser (the "<u>Purchaser Bylaws</u>"), as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be the Bylaws of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter amended in accordance with applicable law.
- 1.11 Tax Consequences. The parties to this Agreement intend that the Merger constitute and qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. The parties intend for this Agreement to be, and hereby adopt it as, a "plan of reorganization" within the meaning of Sections 1.368-2(g) and 1.368-3(a) of the final regulations promulgated under the Code by the United States Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury Regulations") and for purposes of Sections 354 and 361 of the Code. The parties agree to cooperate and use their best efforts in order to qualify the transactions contemplated herein as a reorganization under Section 368(a)(1)(A) of the Code, to not take any action that could reasonably be expected to cause the Merger to fail to so qualify, and to report the Merger for federal, state, and any local income Tax purposes in a manner consistent with such characterization.
- Bank Merger. Following the Merger, West Town Bank & Trust ("Company 1.12 Bank"), an Illinois state chartered bank and a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Company, will merge (the "Bank Merger") with and into Capital Bank, N.A. ("Purchaser Bank"), a national banking association chartered by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC"), and a whollyowned Subsidiary of Purchaser. Purchaser Bank shall be the surviving entity in the Bank Merger and, following the Bank Merger, the separate corporate existence of Company Bank shall cease. As soon as practical after the date of this Agreement, or on such later date as Purchaser and Company may mutually agree, Purchaser and Company shall cause Purchaser Bank and Company Bank, respectively, to enter into an agreement and plan of merger in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit B (the "Bank Merger Agreement"). Each of Purchaser and Company shall approve the Bank Merger Agreement and the Bank Merger as the sole stockholder of Purchaser Bank and Company Bank, respectively, and Purchaser and Company shall, and shall cause Purchaser Bank and Company Bank, respectively, to execute certificates or articles of merger and such other documents and certificates as are necessary to make the Bank Merger effective ("Bank Merger Certificates") immediately following the Effective Time. The Bank Merger shall become effective at such time and date as specified in the Bank Merger Agreement in accordance with applicable law, or at such other time as shall be provided by applicable law.

#### 1.13 Reserved.

1.14 <u>Principal Executive Offices of Surviving Corporation</u>. The principal executive offices of Purchaser as of the date of this Agreement shall be the principal executive offices of the Surviving Corporation.

#### 1.15 Directors and Officers of the Surviving Corporation. As of the Effective Time:

(a) The Board of Directors of the Surviving Corporation shall be (i) the directors of Purchaser immediately prior to the Effective Time and (ii) one individual from the membership of the Board of Directors of Company (the "Company Appointee"). On or prior to the Effective Time, the Board of Directors of Purchaser shall, and shall cause the Board of Directors of Purchaser Bank to, increase the number of directors that will

constitute the full board of directors of each of the Surviving Corporation and Purchaser Bank by one (1) at the Effective Time and appoint the Company Appointee to fill the vacancies resulting from such increases. The Company Appointee shall be Marc McConnell, unless he is unable or unwilling to serve on the Surviving Corporation's Board of Directors, in which case Company and Purchaser shall select a mutually agreed upon alternative member of Company's Board of Directors to serve as the Company Appointee.

(b) The executive officers of the Surviving Corporation shall be the executive officers of Purchaser immediately prior to the Effective Time, each of whom shall serve until their respective successors are duly appointed and qualified or their earlier death, resignation or removal.

#### ARTICLE II EXCHANGE OF SHARES

Purchaser to Make Shares and Cash Available. At or prior to the Effective Time, Purchaser shall deposit, or shall cause to be deposited, with an exchange agent designated by Purchaser and reasonably acceptable to Company (the "Exchange Agent"), for the benefit of the holders of Certificates, for exchange in accordance with this Article II, evidence of shares in book entry form (collectively, referred to herein as "certificates"), representing the shares of Purchaser Common Stock, and sufficient cash (such cash and certificates for shares of Purchaser Common Stock, together with any dividends or distributions with respect thereto, being hereinafter referred to as the "Exchange Fund"), to be issued pursuant to Section 1.4 and paid pursuant to Section 2.2(a) in exchange for outstanding shares of Company Common Stock. The Exchange Agent shall invest any cash included in the Exchange Fund as directed by Purchaser; provided, that no such investment or losses thereon shall affect the Merger Consideration payable to the holders of Certificates. Any interest and other income resulting from such investments shall be paid to Purchaser.

## 2.2 Exchange Procedures.

(a) As promptly as practicable after the Effective Time, but in no event later than ten (10) calendar days thereafter, Purchaser shall cause the Exchange Agent to mail to each holder of record of one or more Certificates representing shares of Company Common Stock at the Effective Time that have been converted at the Effective Time into the right to receive the applicable Merger Consideration pursuant to Article I, a letter of transmittal (which shall specify that delivery shall be effected, and risk of loss and title to the Certificates shall pass, only upon proper delivery of the Certificates to the Exchange Agent) and instructions for use in effecting the surrender of the Certificates in exchange for certificates representing the number of whole shares of Purchaser Common Stock, the Per Share Cash Consideration, and any cash in lieu of fractional shares, which the shares of Company Common Stock represented by such Certificate or Certificates shall have been converted into the right to receive pursuant to this Agreement as well as any dividends or distributions to be paid pursuant to Section 2.2(b). Upon proper surrender of a Certificate or Certificates for exchange and cancellation to the Exchange Agent, together with such

properly completed letter of transmittal, duly executed, the holder of such Certificate or Certificates shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor, as applicable, (i) a certificate representing that number of whole shares of Purchaser Common Stock to which such holder of Company Common Stock shall have become entitled pursuant to the provisions of Article I and (ii) a check or wire of immediately available funds in the amount equal to the aggregate amount of cash that such holder has the right to receive in respect of (A) the aggregate Per Share Cash Consideration which such holder has the right to receive in respect of the Certificate or Certificates surrendered pursuant to the provisions of this Article II, (B) any cash in lieu of fractional shares which such holder has the right to receive in respect of the Certificate or Certificates surrendered pursuant to the provisions of this Article II and (C) any dividends or distributions which the holder thereof has the right to receive pursuant to this Section 2.2, and the Certificate or Certificates so surrendered shall forthwith be cancelled. No interest will be paid or accrued on any Per Share Cash Consideration or cash in lieu of fractional shares payable to holders of Certificates. Until surrendered as contemplated by this Section 2.2, each Certificate shall be deemed at any time after the Effective Time to represent only the right to receive, upon surrender, the number of whole shares of Purchaser Common Stock which the shares of Company Common Stock represented by such Certificate have been converted into the right to receive, the aggregate Per Share Cash Consideration which such holder has the right to receive, and any cash in lieu of fractional shares or in respect of dividends or distributions as contemplated by this Section 2.2.

- (b) No dividends or other distributions declared with respect to Purchaser Common Stock shall be paid to the holder of any unsurrendered Certificate until the holder thereof shall surrender such Certificate in accordance with this Article II. After the surrender of a Certificate in accordance with this Article II, the record holder thereof shall be entitled to receive any such dividends or other distributions, without any interest thereon, which theretofore had become payable with respect to the whole shares of Purchaser Common Stock which the shares of Company Common Stock represented by such Certificate have been converted into the right to receive.
- (c) If any certificate representing shares of Purchaser Common Stock is to be issued in a name other than that in which the Certificate or Certificates surrendered in exchange therefor is or are registered, it shall be a condition of the issuance thereof that the Certificate or Certificates so surrendered shall be properly endorsed (or accompanied by an appropriate instrument of transfer) and otherwise in proper form for transfer, and that the person requesting such exchange shall pay to the Exchange Agent in advance any transfer or other similar Taxes required by reason of the issuance of a certificate representing shares of Purchaser Common Stock in any name other than that of the registered holder of the Certificate or Certificates surrendered, or required for any other reason, or shall establish to the satisfaction of the Exchange Agent that such Tax has been paid or is not payable.
- (d) After the Effective Time, there shall be no transfers on the stock transfer books of Company of the shares of Company Common Stock that were issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time. If, after the Effective Time, Certificates representing such shares are presented for transfer to the Exchange Agent, they

shall be cancelled and exchanged for (i) certificates representing shares of Purchaser Common Stock, (ii) the aggregate Per Share Cash Consideration which such holder has the right to receive, and (iii) any cash in lieu of fractional shares or in respect of dividends or distributions as provided in this Article II.

- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, no certificates or scrip representing fractional shares of Purchaser Common Stock shall be issued upon the surrender for exchange of Certificates, no dividend or distribution with respect to Purchaser Common Stock shall be payable on or with respect to any fractional share, and such fractional share interests shall not entitle the owner thereof to vote or to any other rights of a shareholder of Purchaser. In lieu of the issuance of any such fractional share, Purchaser shall pay to each former shareholder of Company who otherwise would be entitled to receive such fractional share an amount in cash (rounded to the nearest cent) determined by multiplying (i) the average of the daily closing-sale prices of Purchaser Common Stock on NASDAQ as reported by THE WALL STREET JOURNAL for the five (5) full trading days ending on the day immediately preceding the Closing Date by (ii) the fraction of a share (rounded to the nearest thousandth when expressed in decimal form) of Purchaser Common Stock which such holder would otherwise be entitled to receive pursuant to Section 1.4.
- (f) Any portion of the Exchange Fund that remains unclaimed by the shareholders of Company for twelve (12) months after the Effective Time shall be paid to the Surviving Corporation. Any former shareholders of Company who have not theretofore complied with this Article II shall thereafter look only to the Surviving Corporation for payment of the shares of Purchaser Common Stock, the aggregate Per Share Cash Consideration which such holder has the right to receive, and cash in lieu of any fractional shares, and any unpaid dividends and distributions on the Purchaser Common Stock deliverable in respect of each former share of Company Common Stock such shareholder holds as determined pursuant to this Agreement, in each case, without any interest thereon (except to the extent required in connection with a Company shareholder's exercise of appraisal rights under Section 1.5). Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of Purchaser, Company, the Surviving Corporation, the Exchange Agent or any other person shall be liable to any former holder of shares of Company Common Stock for any amount delivered in good faith to a public official pursuant to applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar laws.
- Agent to deduct and withhold, from the Per Share Cash Consideration, any cash in lieu of fractional shares of Purchaser Common Stock, cash dividends or distributions payable pursuant to this Section 2.2 or any other cash amounts otherwise payable pursuant to this Agreement to any holder of Company Common Stock or Company Equity Award such amounts as it is required to deduct and withhold with respect to the making of such payment under the Code or any provision of state, local or foreign Tax law. To the extent that amounts are so withheld by Purchaser or the Exchange Agent, as the case may be, and paid over to the appropriate Governmental Entity, the withheld amounts shall be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid to the holder of Company Common Stock

or Company Equity Award in respect of which the deduction and withholding was made by Purchaser or the Exchange Agent, as the case may be.

(h) In the event any Certificate shall have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming such Certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed and, if required by Purchaser, the posting by such person of a bond in such amount as Purchaser may determine is reasonably necessary as indemnity against any claim that may be made against it with respect to such Certificate, the Exchange Agent will issue in exchange for such lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate the shares of Purchaser Common Stock, the Per Share Cash Consideration, and any cash in lieu of fractional shares deliverable in respect thereof pursuant to this Agreement.

# ARTICLE III REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF COMPANY

Except as disclosed in the correspondingly numbered section of the disclosure schedule delivered by Company to Purchaser concurrently herewith (the "Company Disclosure Schedule"); provided, that (a) no such item is required to be set forth as an exception to a representation or warranty if its absence would not result in the related representation or warranty being deemed untrue or incorrect, (b) the mere inclusion of an item in the Company Disclosure Schedule as an exception to a representation or warranty shall not be deemed an admission by Company that such item represents a material exception or fact, event or circumstance or that such item is reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect and (c) any disclosures made with respect to a section of Article III shall be deemed to qualify (1) any other section of Article III specifically referenced or cross-referenced and (2) other sections of Article III to the extent it is reasonably apparent on its face (notwithstanding the absence of a specific cross reference) from a reading of the disclosure that such disclosure applies to such other sections, Company hereby represents and warrants to Purchaser as follows:

## 3.1 Corporate Organization.

Company is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina and is a bank holding company duly registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended ("BHC Act") that has elected to be treated as a financial holding company under the BHC Act. Company has all requisite corporate power and authority to own or lease all of its properties and assets and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted. Company is duly licensed or qualified to do business and, where such concept is recognized under applicable law, is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the nature of the business conducted by it or the character or location of the properties and assets owned or leased by it makes such licensing or qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so licensed or qualified or in good standing would not, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company. As used in this Agreement, the term "Material Adverse Effect" means, with respect to Purchaser, Company or the Surviving Corporation, as the case may be, a material adverse effect on (i) the business, properties, assets, liabilities, results of operations or financial condition of such party and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole (provided, however, that Material Adverse Effect shall not be deemed to include the impact of (A) changes, after the date hereof, in U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") or applicable regulatory accounting requirements, (B) changes, after the date hereof, in laws, rules or regulations of general applicability to companies in the industries in which such party and its Subsidiaries operate, or interpretations thereof by courts or Governmental Entities, (C) changes, after the date hereof, in global, national or regional political conditions (including the outbreak of war or acts of terrorism) or in economic or market conditions affecting the financial services industry generally and not specifically relating to such party or its Subsidiaries, (D) changes, after the date hereof, resulting from hurricanes, earthquakes, tornados, floods or other natural disasters or from any outbreak of any disease or other public health event, (E) public disclosure of the transactions contemplated hereby or actions expressly required by this Agreement or actions or omissions that are taken with the prior written consent of the other party in contemplation of the transactions contemplated hereby, (F) a decline in the trading price of such person's common stock or the failure, in and of itself, to meet internal or other estimates, predictions, projections or forecasts of revenue, net income or any other measure of financial performance or budget, business or strategic plan for any period (it being understood that the underlying cause of such decline or failure may be taken into account in determining whether a Material Adverse Effect on such person has occurred to the extent not otherwise excluded by this provision), (G) the expenses incurred by Company or Purchaser in negotiating, documenting, effecting and consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or (H) changes proximately caused by the impact of the execution or announcement of the Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby on relationships with customers or employees (including the loss of personnel subsequent to the date of this Agreement); except, with respect to subclauses (A), (B), (C) or (D), to the extent that the effects of such change are materially disproportionately adverse to the business, properties, assets, liabilities, results of operations or financial condition of such party and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as compared to other companies in the industry in which such party and its Subsidiaries operate) or (ii) the ability of such party to timely consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. As used in this Agreement, the word "Subsidiary" when used with respect to any person, means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, bank or other organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, or person of which (i) such first person directly or indirectly owns or controls at least a majority of the securities or other interests having by their terms ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or others performing similar functions or (ii) such first person is or directly or indirectly has the power to appoint a general partner, manager or managing member or others performing similar functions. True and complete copies of the Articles of Incorporation of Company, as amended (the "Company Articles"), and the Bylaws of Company (the "Company Bylaws"), as in effect as of the date of this Agreement, have previously been made available by Company to Purchaser.

(b) Each Subsidiary of Company (a "Company Subsidiary") (i) is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, (ii) is duly licensed or qualified to do business and, where such concept is recognized under applicable law, in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the nature of the business conducted by it or the character or location of the properties and assets owned or leased by it makes such licensing or qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so licensed or qualified

or in good standing would not, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company and (iii) has all requisite corporate power and authority to own or lease its properties and assets and to carry on its business as now conducted. There are no restrictions on the ability of any Subsidiary of Company to pay dividends or distributions except, in the case of a Subsidiary that is a regulated entity, for restrictions on dividends or distributions generally applicable to all such regulated entities. The deposit accounts of each Subsidiary of Company that is an insured depository institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") through the Deposit Insurance Fund to the fullest extent permitted by law, all premiums and assessments required to be paid in connection therewith have been paid when due, and no proceedings for the termination of such insurance are pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened. Section 3.1(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule sets forth a true and complete list of all Subsidiaries of Company as of the date hereof.

#### 3.2 Capitalization.

The authorized capital stock of Company consists of 9,000,000 shares of (a) Company Common Stock, \$1.00 par value, of which, 8,000,000 are voting shares of Company Common Stock and 1,000,000 are non-voting shares of Company Common Stock, and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$100.00 par value. As of the date of this Agreement, there are (i) 2,345,499 shares of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding, which number includes 2,323,759 voting shares of Company Common Stock (including 61,900 shares of Company Common Stock granted in respect of outstanding Company Restricted Stock Awards that are unvested and remain subject to forfeiture) and 21,740 non-voting shares of Company Common Stock, (ii) no shares of Company Common Stock held in treasury, (iii) 121,901 shares of Company Common Stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding Company Stock Options, (iv) no shares of Company Preferred Stock outstanding, and (v) no other shares of capital stock or other voting securities of Company issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding. All of the issued and outstanding shares of Company Common Stock have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable and free of preemptive rights, with no personal liability attaching to the ownership thereof. There are no bonds, debentures, notes or other indebtedness that have the right to vote on any matters on which shareholders of Company may vote. No Company Benefit Plan that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code owns or holds Company Common Stock. There are no trust preferred or subordinated debt securities of Company that are issued or outstanding, and the Company has no subordinated indebtedness outstanding. Other than Company Stock Options, Company Restricted Stock Awards and the Non-Voting Common Stock, in each case, issued prior to the date of this Agreement, as of the date of this Agreement (i) there are no outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, puts, calls, rights, exchangeable or convertible securities or other commitments or agreements obligating Company to issue, transfer, sell, purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, any such securities and (ii) there are no contingent value rights, "phantom" stock or similar securities or rights that are derivative of, or provide economic benefits based, directly or indirectly, on the value of or price of, Company Common Stock or other equity interests of the Company. There are no voting trusts, shareholder agreements, proxies or other agreements in effect with respect to the voting or transfer of the Company Common Stock or other equity interests of Company,

other than the Voting Agreements. All grants of Company Equity Awards were validly issued and properly approved by the Board of Directors of the Company (or a committee thereof) in accordance with the applicable Company Stock Plan and applicable law, in each case in all material respects. All Company Stock Options have been granted having a per share exercise price at least equal to the fair market value of the underlying Company Common Stock on the date such Company Stock Option was granted and have not otherwise been modified within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and associated Treasury Regulations issued thereunder. Section 3.2(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule sets forth a true, correct and complete list of all Company Equity Awards outstanding as of the date hereof specifying, on a holder-by-holder basis, (A) the name of each holder, (B) the number of shares subject to each such Company Equity Award, (C) the grant date of each such Company Equity Award, (D) the Company Stock Plan under which such Company Equity Award was granted, (E) the exercise price for each such Company Equity Award that is a Company Stock Option, and (F) the expiration date for each such Company Equity Award that is a Company Stock Option. Other than the Company Equity Awards, as of the date hereof no equity-based awards (including any cash awards where the amount of payment is determined in whole or in part based on the price of any capital stock of Company or any of its Subsidiaries) are outstanding.

(b) Except as set forth on Section 3.2(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, Company owns, directly or indirectly, all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity ownership interests of each of the Company Subsidiaries, free and clear of any liens, pledges, charges, encumbrances and security interests whatsoever ("Liens"), and all of such shares or equity ownership interests are duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable (except, with respect to bank Subsidiaries, as provided under 12 U.S.C. § 55 or any comparable provision of applicable state law) and free of preemptive rights, with no personal liability attaching to the ownership thereof. No Company Subsidiary has or is bound by any outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, rights, commitments or agreements of any character calling for the purchase or issuance of any shares of capital stock or any other equity security of such Subsidiary or any securities representing the right to purchase or otherwise receive any shares of capital stock or any other equity security of such Subsidiary.

#### 3.3 Authority; No Violation.

(a) Company has full corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and, subject to the shareholder and other actions described below, to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the Merger have been duly and validly approved by the Board of Directors of Company. The Board of Directors of Company has determined that the Merger, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, is in the best interests of Company and its shareholders and has directed that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby be submitted to Company's shareholders for approval at a meeting of such shareholders and has adopted a resolution to the foregoing effect. Except for the approval of this Agreement by (i) the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Voting Common Stock of Company that are entitled to vote and (ii) the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Non-

Voting Common Stock of Company that are entitled to vote, each voting as separate voting groups (the "Requisite Company Vote"), no other corporate proceedings on the part of Company are necessary to approve this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, except, with respect to the Bank Merger, approval of the Bank Merger Agreement by Company as sole shareholder of Company Bank. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by Company and (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by Purchaser) constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Company, enforceable against Company in accordance with its terms (except in all cases as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization or similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally and the availability of equitable remedies (the "Enforceability Exceptions")).

- (b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Company nor the consummation by Company of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Bank Merger, nor compliance by Company with any of the terms or provisions hereof, will (i) violate any provision of the Company Articles or the Company Bylaws or (ii) assuming that the consents, approvals and filings referred to in Section 3.4 and Section 4.4 are duly obtained, (x) violate any statute, code, ordinance, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ, decree or injunction applicable to Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets or (y) violate, conflict with, result in a breach of any provision of or the loss of any benefit under, constitute a default (or an event which, with notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute a default) under, result in the termination of or a right of termination or cancellation under, accelerate the performance required by, or result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the respective properties or assets of Company or any of its Subsidiaries under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, lease, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party, or by which they or any of their respective properties or assets may be bound, except (in the case of clause (y) above) for (A) such violations, conflicts, breaches or defaults which, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company and (B) acceleration of certain benefits under Company Benefit Plans at the Effective Time, as contemplated under Section 6.6(g).
- (c) Other than receipt of necessary approvals from the Regulatory Agencies and requisite corporate action by the Company's Board of Directors to declare, pay and distribute the Pre-Closing Dividend, Company (i) has full power and authority to declare, pay and distribute the Pre-Closing Dividend and (ii) does not need any consents or approvals of any person to declare, pay and distribute the Pre-Closing Dividend and, as of the date hereof, the Pre-Closing Dividend is not prohibited, restricted or conditioned in any way by the organizational documents of Dogwood State Bank, including any investors' or shareholders' agreements or similar instruments by and among the equity holders of Dogwood State Bank. To the knowledge of Company, there are no facts or circumstances that would cause any Regulatory Agency to withhold approval of Company declaring, paying or distributing the Pre-Closing Dividend.
- 3.4 <u>Consents and Approvals</u>. Except for (i) the filing of applications, filings and notices, as applicable, with the marketplace for trading over-the-counter securities operated by

OTC Markets Group Inc. (the "OTC Markets") and with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., (ii) the filing of applications, filings, waiver requests and notices, as applicable, with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve Board") under the BHC Act, the Maryland Office of Financial Regulation (the "MOFR"), and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (the "IDFPR") and approval of such applications, filings and notices or issuance of such waivers, (iii) the filing of applications, filings and notices, as applicable, with the OCC and the IDFPR in connection with the Bank Merger, including under the Bank Merger Act, and approval of such applications, filings and notices, (iv) the filing of any required applications, filings or notices with any state banking authorities listed on Section 3.4 of the Company Disclosure Schedule or Section 4.4 of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule and approval of such applications, filings and notices, (v) the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and declaration of effectiveness of a registration statement on Form S-4 in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the "S-4") including the joint proxy statement/prospectus relating to the meeting of the Company's shareholders and the Purchaser's shareholders to be held in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (including any amendments or supplements thereto, the "Proxy Statement/Prospectus"), (vi) the filing of the Certificates of Merger and the Bank Merger Certificates, and (vii) such filings and approvals as are required to be made or obtained under the securities or "Blue Sky" laws of various states in connection with the issuance of the shares of Purchaser Common Stock pursuant to this Agreement and the approval of the listing of such Purchaser Common Stock on NASDAQ, no consents or approvals of or filings or registrations with any court, administrative agency or commission or other governmental authority or instrumentality or SRO (each a "Governmental Entity") are necessary in connection with (A) the execution and delivery by Company of this Agreement or (B) the consummation by Company of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby (including the Bank Merger). As of the date hereof, Company is not aware of any reason why the necessary regulatory approvals and consents will not be received in order to permit consummation of the Merger, the Bank Merger, or the transactions contemplated hereby on a timely basis.

Reports. Company and each of its Subsidiaries have timely filed all reports, registrations and statements, together with any amendments required to be made with respect thereto, that they were required to file since January 1, 2020 with any Regulatory Agencies, including, without limitation, any report, registration or statement required to be filed pursuant to the laws, rules or regulations of the United States, any state, any foreign entity, or any Regulatory Agency (collectively, the "Company Reports"), and have paid all fees and assessments due and payable in connection therewith, except where the failure to file such report, registration or statement or to pay such fees and assessments, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company. Except as set forth on Section 3.5 of the Company Disclosure Schedule and for normal examinations conducted by a Regulatory Agency in the ordinary course of business of Company and its Subsidiaries, (i) no Regulatory Agency has initiated or has pending any proceeding or, to the knowledge of Company, investigation into the business or operations of Company or any of its Subsidiaries since January 1, 2020, (ii) there is no unresolved violation, criticism, or exception by any Regulatory Agency with respect to any report or statement relating to any examinations or inspections of Company or any of its Subsidiaries and (iii) there have been no formal or informal inquiries by, or disagreements or disputes with, any Regulatory Agency with respect to the business, operations, policies or procedures of Company or any of its Subsidiaries since January 1, 2020, in each case, which would

reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Company. No Company Report, as of the date thereof (and, in the case of proxy statements, on the dates of the relevant meetings, respectively), contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading, except that information included in any Company Report as of a later date (but before the date of this Agreement) shall be deemed to modify information as of an earlier date. As of their respective dates, all Company Reports complied in all material respects with the published rules and regulations of the applicable Regulatory Agency with which they were filed. For purposes of this Agreement, "Regulatory Agencies" means (i) any state regulatory authority, (ii) the OTC Markets, in the case of Company, or the SEC, in the case of Purchaser, (iii) the Federal Reserve Board, (iv) the OCC, (v) the FDIC, (vi) the IDFPR, (vii) the MOFR, (viii) any foreign regulatory authority and (ix) any self-regulatory organization (an "SRO").

#### 3.6 Financial Statements.

- The financial statements of Company and its Subsidiaries included (or (a) incorporated by reference) in the Company Reports (including the related notes, where applicable) (i) have been prepared from, and are in accordance with, the books and records of Company and its Subsidiaries, (ii) fairly present in all material respects the consolidated results of operations, cash flows, changes in shareholders' equity and consolidated financial position of Company and its Subsidiaries for the respective fiscal periods or as of the respective dates therein set forth (subject in the case of unaudited statements to yearend audit adjustments normal in nature and amount), (iii) complied, as of their respective dates of filing with the applicable Regulatory Agency, in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and with the published rules and regulations of such Regulatory Agency with respect thereto, and (iv) have been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied during the periods involved, except, in each case, as indicated in such statements or in the notes thereto. The books and records of Company and its Subsidiaries have been, and are being, maintained in all material respects in accordance with GAAP and any other applicable legal and accounting requirements and reflect only actual transactions. Elliott Davis, PLLC has not resigned (or informed Company that it intends to resign) or been dismissed as independent public accountants of Company as a result of or in connection with any disagreements with Company on a matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure.
- (b) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Company, neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has any liability of any nature whatsoever (whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise and whether due or to become due), except for those liabilities that are reflected or reserved against on the consolidated balance sheet of Company for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2023 (including any notes thereto) and for liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice since December 31, 2023, or in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (c) The records, systems, controls, data and information of Company and its Subsidiaries are recorded, stored, maintained and operated under means (including any

electronic, mechanical or photographic process, whether computerized or not) that are under the exclusive ownership and direct control of Company or its Subsidiaries or accountants (including all means of access thereto and therefrom), except for any nonexclusive ownership and non-direct control that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company. Company and its Subsidiaries have devised and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to comply with all legal and accounting requirements applicable to Company and its Subsidiaries and to provide reasonable assurances regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Company has disclosed based on its most recent evaluations, to its outside auditors and the audit committee of the board of directors of Company (i) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Company's internal control over financial reporting. Company has made available to Purchaser a summary of any such disclosure made by management to the auditor and/or audit committee of Company or any Subsidiary.

- (d) Since January 1, 2020, (i) neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the knowledge of Company, any director, officer, auditor, accountant or representative of Company or any of its Subsidiaries, has received or otherwise had or obtained knowledge of any material complaint, allegation, assertion or claim, whether written or oral, regarding the accounting or auditing practices, procedures, methodologies or methods (including with respect to loan loss reserves, write-downs, charge-offs and accruals) of Company or any of its Subsidiaries or their respective internal accounting controls, including any material complaint, allegation, assertion or claim that Company or any of its Subsidiaries has engaged in questionable accounting or auditing practices, and (ii) no attorney representing Company or any of its Subsidiaries, whether or not employed by Company or any of its Subsidiaries, has reported evidence of a material violation of securities laws, breach of fiduciary duty or similar violation by Company or any of its officers, directors, employees or agents to the Board of Directors of Company or any committee thereof or to the knowledge of Company, to any director or officer of Company.
- 3.7 <u>Broker's Fees.</u> With the exception of the engagement of Raymond James & Associates, Inc. ("<u>Raymond James</u>"), neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary nor any of their respective officers or directors has employed any broker, finder or financial advisor or incurred any liability for any broker's fees, commissions or finder's fees in connection with the Merger or related transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Company has disclosed to Purchaser as of the date hereof the aggregate fees provided for in connection with the engagement by Company of Raymond James, related to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereunder.

#### 3.8 Absence of Certain Changes or Events.

(a) Since December 31, 2023, no event or events have occurred that have had or would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Company.

(b) Except as set forth on Section 3.8 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, and in connection with matters related to this Agreement, since December 31, 2023, Company and its Subsidiaries have carried on their respective businesses in all material respects in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

## 3.9 Legal Proceedings.

- (a) Except as (i) set forth on Section 3.9 of the Company Disclosure Schedule or (ii) would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect on Company, neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any, and there are no pending or, to Company's knowledge, threatened, legal, administrative, arbitral or other proceedings, claims, actions or governmental or regulatory investigations of any nature against Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their current or former directors or executive officers or challenging the validity or propriety of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (b) There is no injunction, order, judgment, decree, or regulatory restriction imposed upon Company, any of its Subsidiaries or the assets of Company or any of its Subsidiaries (or that, upon consummation of the Merger, would apply to the Surviving Corporation or any of its affiliates), that would reasonably be expected to be material to Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

#### 3.10 Taxes and Tax Returns.

Each of Company and its Subsidiaries has filed (including all applicable extensions) all material Tax Returns in all jurisdictions in which Tax Returns are required to be filed by it, and all such Tax Returns are true, correct, and complete in all material respects. Neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is the beneficiary of any extension of time within which to file any material Tax Return (other than extensions to file Tax Returns obtained in the ordinary course of business). All material Taxes of Company and its Subsidiaries (whether or not shown on any Tax Returns) that are due have been fully paid. Each of Company and its Subsidiaries has withheld and paid all material Taxes required to have been withheld and paid in connection with amounts paid or owing to any employee, creditor, shareholder, independent contractor or other third party and has complied with all information reporting regimes relating to Taxes in all material respects. Neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has granted any extension or waiver of the limitation period applicable to any material Tax that remains in effect. Except as set forth on Section 3.10(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, the federal income Tax Returns of Company and its Subsidiaries for all years to and including 2022 (i) have been examined by the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or (ii) are Tax Returns with respect to which the applicable period for assessment by the IRS under applicable law, after giving effect to extensions or waivers, has expired. Except for matters that have been resolved or settled with the applicable Tax authority, (i) neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received written notice of assessment or proposed assessment in connection with any material amount of Taxes, and (ii) there are no threatened-in-writing or pending disputes, claims, audits, examinations or other proceedings regarding any material Tax of Company and its Subsidiaries or the assets of Company and its Subsidiaries. There are no Liens for material Taxes (except Taxes not yet due and payable) on any of the assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Company has made available to Purchaser true and complete copies of any private letter ruling requests, closing agreements or gain recognition agreements with respect to Taxes requested or executed in the last six (6) years. Neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or is bound by any Tax sharing, allocation or indemnification agreement or arrangement, other than (i) such an agreement or arrangement exclusively between or among Company and its Subsidiaries, and (ii) any credit or other commercial agreements the primary purpose of which does not relate to Taxes. Neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) has been a member of an affiliated group filing a consolidated federal income Tax Return (other than a group the common parent of which was Company) or (ii) has any liability for the Taxes of any person (other than Company or any of its Subsidiaries) under Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign Tax law), as a transferee or successor, by contract or otherwise. Neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has been, within the past two (2) years or otherwise as part of a "plan (or series of related transactions)" within the meaning of Section 355(e) of the Code of which the Merger is also a part, a "distributing corporation" or a "controlled corporation" (within the meaning of Section 355(a)(1)(A) of the Code) in a distribution of stock intending to qualify for tax-free treatment under Section 355 of the Code. Neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has participated in or has been a material advisor with respect to a "reportable transaction" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.6011-4(b)(1). At no time during the past five (5) years has Company been a United States "real property holding corporation" within the meaning of Section 897(c)(2) of the Code.

- (b) As used in this Agreement, the term "<u>Tax</u>" or "<u>Taxes</u>" means any or all federal, state, local, and foreign income, excise, gross receipts, ad valorem, profits, gains, property, capital, sales, transfer, use, license, payroll, employment, social security, severance, unemployment, withholding, duties, excise, windfall profits, intangibles, franchise, backup withholding, value added, alternative or add-on minimum, estimated and other taxes, charges, levies or like assessments in the nature of a tax imposed, in each case, by a Governmental Entity, together with all penalties and additions to tax and interest thereon.
- (c) As used in this Agreement, the term "<u>Tax Return</u>" means any return, declaration, report, claim for refund, or information return or statement relating to Taxes, including any schedule or attachment thereto, and including any amendment thereof, supplied or required to be supplied to a Governmental Entity.

## 3.11 Employee Benefits; Employees.

(a) Section 3.11(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule lists all material Company Benefit Plans. For purposes of this Agreement, "Company Benefit Plans" means all employee benefit plans (as defined in Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA")), whether or not subject to ERISA, and all Code Section 125, Code Section 501(c)(9), bonus, stock option, stock purchase, restricted stock, incentive, deferred compensation, retiree medical or life insurance, pension, supplemental retirement, or other benefit plans, programs or arrangements, and all

retention, employment, termination, severance plans, programs or arrangements or other contracts or agreements to or with respect to which Company or any Company Subsidiary or any trade or business of Company or any of its Subsidiaries, whether or not incorporated, all of which together with Company would be deemed a "single employer" within the meaning of Section 4001 of ERISA (a "Company ERISA Affiliate"), is a party or has or is reasonably expected to have any current or future obligation, respectively, or that are maintained, contributed to or sponsored by Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any Company ERISA Affiliate for the benefit of any current or former employee, officer, director or independent contractor of Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any Company ERISA Affiliate, or under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is reasonably expected to have any material liability, contingent or otherwise.

- (b) Company has heretofore made available to Purchaser true and complete copies of each of the material Company Benefit Plans and certain related documents to the extent applicable, or if such Company Benefit Plan is unwritten, a written summary of the material terms of such Company Benefit Plan, including, but not limited to, (i) the current summary plan descriptions, all executed amendments, and all summaries of material modifications or material supplements to any Company Benefit Plan, (ii) the annual report (Form 5500), if any, filed with the IRS for the last three (3) completed plan years, (iii) the most recently received IRS determination letter, if any, relating to a Company Benefit Plan that is a Company Qualified Plan, (iv) the most recently prepared actuarial report for each Company Benefit Plan (if applicable) for each of the last three (3) years, (v) copies of all filed IRS Forms 1094-C and 1095-C (including verifications of filings from the IRS) for all years for which such filings were required, (vi) the current ERISA fidelity bond, (vii) the current trust agreements, insurance policies and administrative services agreements relating to each Company Benefit Plan, (viii) nondiscrimination testing for the last three (3) completed plan years, and (ix) all material, nonroutine correspondence to or from any Governmental Entity received in 2024 and in the last three (3) calendar years with respect to such Company Benefit Plan.
- Each Company Benefit Plan has been established, operated and administered in all material respects in accordance with its terms and the requirements of all applicable laws, including ERISA and the Code. Company and each of its Subsidiaries and each Company ERISA Affiliate has complied with, and is currently in compliance with, with Code Section 4980B, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, including the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, as amended and including the guidance issued thereunder (the "PPACA"); and Company and its Subsidiaries have not incurred (whether or not assessed, and including on account of a Company ERISA Affiliate), and do not reasonably expect to incur or be subject to, any Taxes or other penalties under PPACA (including with respect to the reporting requirements under Sections 6055 and 6056 of the Code, as applicable) or under Sections 4980B, 4980D or 4980H of the Code. Except as set forth on Section 3.11(c) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, within the past three (3) years, neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has taken any corrective action or made a filing under any voluntary correction program of the IRS, the U.S. Department of Labor or any other Governmental Entity with respect to any Company Benefit Plan, and to the knowledge of Company, neither Company nor any of its

Subsidiaries is aware of any Company Benefit Plan defect that would require correction under any such program.

- (d) Section 3.11(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule identifies each Company Benefit Plan that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code (the "Company Qualified Plans"). The IRS has issued a favorable determination, advisory or opinion letter with respect to each Company Qualified Plan and the related trust, which letter has not been revoked (nor, to the knowledge of Company, has revocation been threatened), and, to the knowledge of Company, there are no existing circumstances nor events that have occurred that could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the qualified status of any Company Qualified Plan or the related trust. No Company Qualified Plan owns Company Common Stock. The Company Subsidiary 401(k) Plan, a Company Qualified Plan that is identified on Section 3.11(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, is referred to herein as the "Company 401(k) Plan".
- (e) Each Company Benefit Plan that is a "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" (as defined in Section 409A(d)(1) of the Code) and any award thereunder, in each case that is subject to Section 409A of the Code, is in documentary and operational compliance with Section 409A of the Code.
- (f) None of the Company and its Subsidiaries has any current or contingent liability or obligation (including on account of any Company ERISA Affiliate) in respect of a single employer "pension plan" (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA) which is subject to Sections 412 or 430 of the Code or Section 302 or Title IV of ERISA; and neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries is subject to any Company Benefit Plan-related lien under ERISA or the Code.
- (g) Except as set forth in Section 3.11(g) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, none of Company and its Subsidiaries nor any Company ERISA Affiliate has, at any time during the last six (6) years, contributed to or been obligated to contribute to any plan that is a "multiemployer plan" within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA (a "Multiemployer Plan") or a plan that has two or more contributing sponsors at least two of whom are not under common control, within the meaning of Section 4063 of ERISA or to which Code Section 413(c) applies (a "Multiple Employer Plan"), and none of Company and its Subsidiaries nor any Company ERISA Affiliate has incurred any liability to a Multiemployer Plan or Multiple Employer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal (as those terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA) from a Multiemployer Plan or Multiple Employer Plan. None of the Company and its Subsidiaries have any current or, to the knowledge of Company, contingent liability with respect to a "multiple employer welfare arrangement" as defined in Section 3(40) of ERISA.
- (h) Except as set forth in Section 3.11(h) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries sponsors, has sponsored or has any obligation with respect to any employee benefit plan that provides for any post-employment or post-retirement health or medical or life insurance benefits for retired, former or current employees or beneficiaries or dependents thereof, except as required by Section 4980B of

the Code. No trust funding any Company Benefit Plan is intended to meet the requirements of Section 501(c)(9) of the Code.

- (i) All contributions required to be made to any Company Benefit Plan by applicable law or by any plan document or other contractual undertaking, and all premiums due or payable with respect to insurance policies funding any Company Benefit Plan, for any period through the date hereof, have been timely made or paid in full or, to the extent not required to be made or paid on or before the date hereof, have been fully reflected on the books and records of Company.
- There are no pending or, to the knowledge of Company, threatened claims (i) (other than routine claims for benefits in the ordinary course), lawsuits or arbitrations that have been asserted or instituted, and, to Company's knowledge, no set of circumstances exists that may reasonably be expected to give rise to a claim or lawsuit, against the Company Benefit Plans, any fiduciaries thereof with respect to the discharge of their fiduciary duties to the Company Benefit Plans, or the assets of any of the trusts under any of the Company Benefit Plans that could reasonably be expected to result in any material liability of Company or any of its Subsidiaries to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC"), the IRS, the U.S. Department of Labor, any Multiemployer Plan, a Multiple Employer Plan, any participant in a Company Benefit Plan, or any other party. There are no administrative investigations, audits or other administrative proceedings by the U.S. Department of Labor, the PBGC, the IRS or other governmental agencies pertaining to the Company pending or in progress, nor, to Company's knowledge, are any such investigations, audits or proceedings threatened (including, without limitation, any routine requests for information from the PBGC) against Company and its Subsidiaries. No written or oral communication has been received from the PBGC in respect of any Company Benefit Plan subject to Title IV of ERISA concerning the funded status of any such plan or any transfer of assets and liabilities from any such plan in connection with the transactions contemplated herein.
- (k) None of Company and its Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of Company, any Company ERISA Affiliate or fiduciary of a Company Benefit Plan, has engaged in any non-exempt "prohibited transaction" (as defined in Section 4975 of the Code or Section 406 of ERISA), which could subject any of the Company Benefit Plans or their related trusts, Company (whether directly or through an indemnification obligation), any of its Subsidiaries, or any Company ERISA Affiliate to any material tax or penalty imposed under Section 4975 of the Code or Section 502 of ERISA.
- (l) Except as set forth on Section 3.11(l) of the Company Disclosure Schedule and the acceleration of vesting of Company Restricted Stock Awards under Section 1.8(b) of this Agreement, neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will (either alone or in conjunction with any other event) (i) entitle any employee, director or independent contractor to any payment or benefit, including any bonus, retention, severance, retirement or job security payment or benefit, (ii) result in or cause the vesting, exercisability or delivery of, or increase the amount or value of, or accelerate the time of payment or vesting of, or trigger any payment or funding (through a grantor trust or otherwise) of, compensation or benefits

under, or trigger any other material obligation under, any Company Benefit Plan, or (iii) result in any limitation on the right of Company or any of its Subsidiaries to amend, merge, terminate or receive a reversion of assets from any Company Benefit Plan or related trust. Except as set forth on Section 3.11(1) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, no amount paid or payable (whether in cash, in property, or in the form of benefits) by Company or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby (either solely as a result thereof or as a result of such transactions in conjunction with any other event) will be an "excess parachute payment" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code. Neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries maintains or contributes to a rabbi trust or similar funding vehicle, and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not cause or require Company or any of its affiliates to establish or make any contribution to a rabbi trust or similar funding vehicle.

- (m) No Company Benefit Plan provides for the payment, gross-up or reimbursement of any Taxes imposed by the application of Sections 409A or 4999 of the Code. Company has made available to Purchaser true, correct and complete copies of the Code Section 280G calculations (whether or not final) with respect to any disqualified individual in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (n) There are no pending or, to Company's knowledge, threatened material labor grievances or material unfair labor practice claims or charges against Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any strikes, work stoppages, lockouts, slowdowns or other material labor disputes against Company or any of its Subsidiaries. Neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries are party to or bound by any collective bargaining or similar agreement with any labor organization, or work rules or practices agreed to with any labor organization or employee association applicable to employees of Company or any of its Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of Company, there are no organizing efforts by any union or other group seeking to represent any employees of Company or any of its Subsidiaries.
- (o) Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with, and since December 31, 2020 have complied in all material respects with, all laws regarding employment and employment practices, terms and conditions of employment, wages and hours, paid sick leave, classification of employees and independent contractors, equitable pay practices, labor relations, equal employment opportunity, sexual or racial harassment or discrimination, workers' compensation, retaliation, immigration, family and medical leave, occupational safety and health and layoffs. There are no pending or, to the knowledge of Company, threatened claims, lawsuits, administrative actions or investigations related to employment practices that have been asserted or instituted, and, to Company's knowledge, no set of circumstances exists that may reasonably be expected to give rise to a claim or lawsuit, against the Company or its Subsidiaries related to employment practices.
- (p) (i) Each individual that renders services to Company or any of its Subsidiaries who is classified as (A) an independent contractor or other non-employee status or (B) an exempt or non-exempt employee, is properly so classified for all purposes, and (ii) Company and each of its Subsidiaries have paid or properly accrued in the ordinary

course of business all wages and compensation due to employees of Company and its Subsidiaries, including all overtime pay, vacations or vacation pay, holidays or holiday pay, sick days or sick pay, and bonuses.

- (q) No executive officer of Company or any of its Subsidiaries is, or is now expected to be, in violation of any material term of any employment contract, confidentiality, disclosure or proprietary information agreement, non-competition agreement or any other restrictive covenant, and the continued employment of each such executive officer does not subject Company or any of its Subsidiaries to any liability with respect to any of the foregoing agreements or, as applicable, restrictive covenant.
- (r) (i) No written allegations of sexual or racial harassment or sexual or race-based misconduct have been made to the Company since December 31, 2020 against any Company Insiders (as defined in Section 6.17), (ii) since December 31, 2020, neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has entered into any settlement agreement related to allegations of sexual or racial harassment or sexual or race-based misconduct by any Company Insiders, and (iii) there are no proceedings currently pending or, to the knowledge of Company, threatened related to any allegations of sexual or racial harassment or sexual or race-based misconduct by any Company Insiders.
- Compliance with Applicable Law. Company and each of its Subsidiaries hold, and have at all times since January 1, 2020, held, all licenses, franchises, permits and authorizations necessary for the lawful conduct of their respective businesses and ownership of their respective properties, rights and assets under and pursuant to each (and have paid all fees and assessments due and payable in connection therewith), except where neither the cost of failure to hold nor the cost of obtaining and holding such license, franchise, permit or authorization (nor the failure to pay any fees or assessments) would, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company, and to the knowledge of Company no suspension or cancellation of any such necessary license, franchise, permit or authorization is threatened. Since January 1, 2020, Company and each of its Subsidiaries have complied in all material respects with and are not in material default or violation under any applicable law, statute, order, rule, regulation, policy and/or guideline of any Governmental Entity relating to Company or any of its Subsidiaries, including all laws relating to the privacy and security of data or information in the custody or control of Company that constitutes personal data or personal information under applicable law ("Company Personal Data"), the USA PATRIOT Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and Regulation B, the Fair Housing Act, the Community Reinvestment Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, any regulations promulgated by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Interagency Policy Statement on Retail Sales of Nondeposit Investment Products, the SAFE Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and Regulation X, and any other law relating to bank secrecy, discriminatory lending, financing or leasing practices, money laundering prevention, Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and all agency requirements relating to the origination, sale and servicing of mortgage and consumer loans. Company Bank has a Community Reinvestment Act rating of "satisfactory" or better. Without limitation, none of Company, or its Subsidiaries, or to the knowledge of Company, any director,

officer, employee, agent or other person acting on behalf of Company or any of its Subsidiaries has, directly or indirectly, (i) used any funds of Company or any of its Subsidiaries for unlawful contributions, unlawful gifts, unlawful entertainment or other expenses relating to political activity, (ii) made any unlawful payment to foreign or domestic governmental officials or employees or to foreign or domestic political parties or campaigns from funds of Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (iii) violated any provision that would result in the violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, or any similar law, (iv) established or maintained any unlawful fund of monies or other assets of Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (v) made any fraudulent entry on the books or records of Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or (vi) made any unlawful bribe, unlawful rebate, unlawful payoff, unlawful influence payment, unlawful kickback or other unlawful payment to any person, private or public, regardless of form, whether in money, property or services, to obtain favorable treatment in securing business to obtain special concessions for Company or any of its Subsidiaries, to pay for favorable treatment for business secured or to pay for special concessions already obtained for Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or is currently subject to any United States sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Treasury Department. Company maintains a written information privacy and security program that includes reasonable measures to protect the privacy, confidentiality and security of all Company Personal Data against any (i) loss or misuse of Company Personal Data, (ii) unauthorized or unlawful operations performed upon Company Personal Data or (iii) other act or omission that compromises the security or confidentiality of Company Personal Data (clauses (i) through (iii), a "Company Security Breach"). To the knowledge of Company, Company has not experienced any Company Security Breach that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company. To the knowledge of Company, there are no data security or other technological vulnerabilities with respect to Company's information technology systems or networks that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company. The Company and its Subsidiaries are, and since January 1, 2020 have been, conducting operations at all times in compliance in all material respects with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of all money laundering laws administered or enforced by any Governmental Entity in jurisdictions where the Company and its Subsidiaries conduct business. The Company and its Subsidiaries have established and maintain a system of internal controls designed to ensure compliance by the Company and its Subsidiaries in all material respects with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the money laundering laws. Except as would not, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company: (i) Company Bank has complied in all material respects with all requirements of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Paycheck Protection Program, including applicable guidance, in connection with its participation in the Paycheck Protection Program; (ii) Company and each of its Subsidiaries have properly administered all accounts for which it acts as a fiduciary, including accounts for which it serves as a trustee, agent, custodian, personal representative, guardian, conservator or investment advisor, in accordance with the terms of the governing documents and applicable state, federal and foreign law; and (iii) none of Company, any of its Subsidiaries, or any of its or its Subsidiaries' directors, officers or employees, has committed any breach of trust or fiduciary duty with respect to any such fiduciary account, and the accountings for each such fiduciary account are true, correct and complete and accurately reflect the assets and results of such fiduciary account.

#### 3.13 Certain Contracts.

Except as set forth in Section 3.13(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, as of the date hereof, neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or bound by any contract, arrangement, commitment or understanding (whether written or oral) (i) with respect to the employment of any directors, officers or employees, other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (ii) which, upon the execution or delivery of this Agreement, shareholder approval of this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will (either alone or upon the occurrence of any additional acts or events) result in any payment (whether of severance pay or otherwise) becoming due from Purchaser, Company, the Surviving Corporation, or any of their respective Subsidiaries to any officer or employee thereof, (iii) which is a "material contract" (as such term is defined in Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K of the SEC), (iv) which restricts Company's ability to compete or contains a client or customer non-solicit requirement or any other provision, in each case, that materially restricts the conduct of any line of business by Company or any of its affiliates or upon consummation of the Merger will materially restrict the ability of the Surviving Corporation or any of its affiliates to engage in any line of business, (v) with or to a labor union or guild (including any collective bargaining agreement), (vi) any of the benefits of which contract, arrangement, commitment or understanding (not including any stock option plan, stock appreciation rights plan, restricted stock plan, performance share unit plan, stock purchase plan, and related agreements, all of which are listed on Section 3.2(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule) will be increased, or the vesting of the benefits of which will be accelerated, by the occurrence of the execution and delivery of this Agreement, shareholder approval of this Agreement or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or the value of any of the benefits of which will be calculated on the basis of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (vii) that relates to the incurrence of indebtedness by Company or any of its Subsidiaries and not loans or leases made by the Company or its Subsidiaries as a lender (other than deposit liabilities, trade payables, federal funds purchased, advances and loans from the Federal Home Loan Bank and securities sold under agreements to repurchase, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice) in the principal amount of \$500,000 or more including any sale and leaseback transactions, capitalized leases and other similar financing transactions, (viii) that grants any right of first refusal, right of first offer or similar right with respect to any material assets, rights or properties of Company or its Subsidiaries or (ix) that is a consulting agreement or data processing, software programming or licensing contract involving the payment of more than \$250,000 per annum (other than any such contracts which are terminable by Company or any of its Subsidiaries on sixty (60) calendar days or less notice without any required payment or other conditions, other than the condition of notice). Each contract, arrangement, commitment or understanding of the type described in this Section 3.13(a), whether or not set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedule, is referred to herein as a "Company Contract," and neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries knows of, or has received notice of, any violation of the above by any of the other parties thereto which would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Company.

- Each Company Contract is valid and binding on Company or one of its Subsidiaries, as applicable, and in full force and effect, except as, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company. Company and each of its Subsidiaries has performed all obligations required to be performed by it to date under each Company Contract, except where such noncompliance, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company. To Company's knowledge each thirdparty counterparty to each Company Contract has performed all obligations required to be performed by it to date under such Company Contract, except where such noncompliance, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company, and no event or condition exists which constitutes or, after notice or lapse of time or both, will constitute, a material default on the part of Company or any of its Subsidiaries under any such Company Contract, except where such default, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company. No third-party counterparty to any Company Contract has exercised or threatened in writing to exercise any force majeure (or similar) provision to excuse non-performance or performance delays in any Company Contract.
- 3.14 Agreements with Regulatory Agencies. Neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is subject to any cease-and-desist or other order or enforcement action issued by, or is a party to any written agreement, consent agreement or memorandum of understanding with, or is a party to any commitment letter or similar undertaking to, or is subject to any order or directive by, or has been ordered to pay any civil money penalty by, or has been since January 1, 2020, a recipient of any supervisory letter from, or since January 1, 2020, has adopted any policies, procedures or board resolutions at the request or suggestion of any Regulatory Agency or other Governmental Entity that currently restricts in any material respect the conduct of its business or that in any material manner relates to its capital adequacy, its ability to pay dividends, its credit or risk management policies, its management or its business, nor has Company or any of its Subsidiaries been advised since January 1, 2020, by any Regulatory Agency or other Governmental Entity of any potential action that could restrict the business of Company or any of its Subsidiaries in any material respect.
- 3.15 Risk Management Instruments. All interest rate swaps, caps, floors, option agreements, futures and forward contracts and other similar derivative transactions and risk management arrangements, whether entered into for the account of Company, any of its Subsidiaries or for the account of a customer of Company or one of its Subsidiaries, were entered into in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and in accordance with prudent business practices and applicable rules, regulations and policies of any Regulatory Agency and with counterparties believed to be financially responsible at the time and are legal, valid and binding obligations of Company or one of its Subsidiaries enforceable in accordance with their terms (except as may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions), and are in full force and effect. The financial position of the Company and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis under any such derivative transaction has been reflected in the books and records of the Company and its Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP consistently applied. Company and each of its Subsidiaries have duly performed in all material respects all of their material obligations thereunder to the extent that such obligations to perform have accrued, and, to Company's knowledge, there are no

material breaches, violations or defaults or allegations or assertions of such by any party thereunder.

3.16 Environmental Matters. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Company, Company and its Subsidiaries are in material compliance, and have complied, with any federal, state or local law, regulation, order, decree, permit, authorization, common law or agency requirement relating to: (i) the protection or restoration of the environment, health and safety as it relates to hazardous substance exposure or natural resource damages, (ii) the handling, use, presence, disposal, release or threatened release of, or exposure to, any hazardous substance, or (iii) noise, odor, wetlands, indoor air, pollution, contamination or any injury to persons or property from exposure to any hazardous substance (collectively, "Environmental Laws"). There are no legal, administrative, arbitral or other proceedings, claims or actions, or any private environmental investigations or remediation activities or governmental investigations of any nature seeking to impose, or that could reasonably be expected to result in the imposition, on Company or any of its Subsidiaries of any liability or obligation arising under any Environmental Law, pending or, to the Knowledge of Company, threatened against Company, which liability or obligation would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Company. To the knowledge of Company, there is no reasonable basis for any such proceeding, claim, action or governmental investigation that would impose any liability or obligation that would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Company. Company is not subject to any agreement, order, judgment, decree, letter agreement or memorandum of agreement by or with any court, governmental authority, regulatory agency or third party imposing any liability or obligation with respect to the foregoing that would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Company. The representations and warranties in this Section 3.16 constitute Company's sole representations and warranties regarding Company's and its Subsidiaries' and the properties' compliance with Environmental Laws, or the existence or absence of any condition violating Environmental Laws.

## 3.17 Investment Securities and Commodities.

- (a) Each of Company and its Subsidiaries has good title to all securities and commodities owned by it (except those sold under repurchase agreements), free and clear of any Lien, except to the extent such securities or commodities are pledged in the ordinary course of business to secure obligations of Company or its Subsidiaries. Such securities and commodities are valued on the books of Company in accordance with GAAP consistently applied.
- (b) Company and its Subsidiaries and their respective businesses employ investment, securities, commodities, risk management and other policies, practices and procedures that Company believes are prudent and reasonable in the context of such businesses, and the Company and its Subsidiaries have, since January 1, 2020, been in compliance with such policies, practices and procedures in all material respects. Prior to the date of this Agreement, Company has made available to Purchaser the material terms of such policies, practices and procedures.

- Real Property; Leases. Section 3.18 of the Company Disclosure Schedule lists and identifies all real property owned by Company or a Company Subsidiary as of the date hereof (the "Company Owned Properties"), and Company (or the applicable Company Subsidiary) has good, valid and indefeasible title to such Company Owned Properties, free and clear of all material Liens, except statutory Liens securing payments not yet due, Liens for real property Taxes not yet due and payable, easements, rights of way, and other similar encumbrances that do not materially affect the marketability, value or use of the properties or assets subject thereto or affected thereby or otherwise materially impair business operations at such properties and such imperfections or irregularities of title or Liens as do not materially affect the marketability, value or use of the properties or assets subject thereto or affected thereby or otherwise materially impair business operations at such properties (collectively, "Permitted Encumbrances"). Section 3.18 of the Company Disclosure Schedule lists and identifies all leases under which the Company or a Company Subsidiary holds a leasehold estate as lessee as of the date hereof (the "Company Leased Properties" and, collectively with the Company Owned Properties, the "Company Real Property"), and Company or the applicable Company Subsidiary is in possession of the properties purported to be leased thereunder, and each such lease is valid without default thereunder by the lessee or, to Company's knowledge, the lessor, and such leasehold estate is free and clear of all Liens except for Permitted Encumbrances. There are no pending or, to the knowledge of Company, threatened condemnation proceedings against the Company Real Property. Except as set forth in Section 3.18 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, Company has not entered into any leases as a lessor, nor granted any other party a license, sublease or right of occupancy, with respect to any Company Real Property.
- 3.19 Intellectual Property. Company and each of its Subsidiaries owns, or is licensed to use (in each case, free and clear of any material Liens), all Intellectual Property necessary for the conduct of its business as currently conducted. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company: (i) (A) the use of any Intellectual Property by Company and its Subsidiaries does not infringe, misappropriate or otherwise violate the rights of any person and is in accordance with any applicable license pursuant to which Company or any Company Subsidiary acquired the right to use any Intellectual Property, and (B) no person has asserted to Company that Company or any of its Subsidiaries has infringed, misappropriated or otherwise violated the Intellectual Property rights of such person, (ii) no person is challenging, infringing on or otherwise violating any right of Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to any Intellectual Property owned by and/or licensed to Company or its Subsidiaries, and (iii) neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary has received any notice of any pending claim with respect to any Intellectual Property owned by Company or any Company Subsidiary, and Company and its Subsidiaries have taken commercially reasonable actions to avoid the abandonment, cancellation or unenforceability of all Intellectual Property owned or licensed, respectively, by Company and its Subsidiaries. For purposes of this Agreement, "Intellectual Property" means trademarks, service marks, brand names, internet domain names, logos, symbols, certification marks, trade dress and other indications of origin, the goodwill associated with the foregoing and registrations in any jurisdiction of, and applications in any jurisdiction to register, the foregoing, including any extension, modification or renewal of any such registration or application; inventions, discoveries and ideas, whether patentable or not, in any jurisdiction; patents, applications for patents (including divisions, continuations, continuations in part and renewal applications), all improvements thereto, and any renewals, extensions or reissues thereof, in any jurisdiction; nonpublic information, trade secrets and know-how, including processes,

technologies, protocols, formulae, prototypes and confidential information and rights in any jurisdiction to limit the use or disclosure thereof by any person; writings and other works, whether copyrightable or not and whether in published or unpublished works, in any jurisdiction; and registrations or applications for registration of copyrights in any jurisdiction, and any renewals or extensions thereof; and any similar intellectual property or proprietary rights.

- 3.20 <u>Related Party Transactions</u>. Except (a) as set forth in Section 3.20 of the Company Disclosure Schedule or (b) Loans that are subject to and that were made and continue to be in compliance with Regulation O, there are no transactions or series of related transactions, agreements, arrangements or understandings, nor are there any currently proposed transactions or series of related transactions, between Company or any of its Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any current director or "executive officer" (as defined in Rule 3b-7 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) of Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any person who beneficially owns (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 of the Exchange Act) 5% or more of the outstanding Company Common Stock (or any of such person's immediate family members or affiliates) (other than Subsidiaries of Company) on the other hand.
- 3.21 <u>State Takeover Laws</u>. No "moratorium," "fair price," "business combination," "control share acquisition," "interested shareholder", "affiliate transactions", or similar provision of any state anti-takeover law (any such laws, "<u>Takeover Statutes</u>") is applicable to this Agreement, the Merger, the Bank Merger, or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement under state or federal law.
- 3.22 <u>Reorganization</u>. Company has not taken any action and is not aware of any fact or circumstance that could reasonably be expected to prevent the Merger from qualifying as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code.
- 3.23 Opinion. Prior to the execution of this Agreement, the board of directors of Company has received an opinion (which, if initially rendered verbally, has been or will be confirmed by a written opinion, dated the same date) of Raymond James to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion, and based upon and subject to the factors, assumptions, and limitations set forth therein, the Merger Consideration is fair from a financial point of view to the holders of Company Common Stock. Such opinion has not been amended or rescinded as of the date of this Agreement.
- 3.24 <u>Company Information</u>. The information relating to Company and its Subsidiaries which is provided by Company or its representatives for inclusion in (a) the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, (b) the S-4, (c) the documents and financial statements of Company incorporated by reference in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, the S-4 or any amendment or supplement thereto or (d) in any other document filed with any other Regulatory Agency in connection herewith, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they are made, not misleading. The Proxy Statement/Prospectus (except for such portions thereof that relate only to Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries) will comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

#### 3.25 Loan Portfolio.

- As of the date hereof, except as set forth in Section 3.25(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any written or oral (i) loan, loan agreement, note or borrowing arrangement (including leases, credit enhancements, commitments, guarantees and interest-bearing assets) (collectively, "Loans") in which Company or any Subsidiary of Company is a creditor which as of February 29, 2024, had an outstanding balance of \$250,000 or more and under the terms of which the obligor was, as of February 29, 2024, over ninety (90) days or more delinquent in payment of principal or interest, or (ii) Loans with any director or executive officer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or to the knowledge of the Company, any affiliate of any of the foregoing (other than the Company and its Subsidiaries). Set forth in Section 3.25(a) of the Company Disclosure Schedule is a true, correct and complete list of (A) all of the Loans of Company and its Subsidiaries that, as of February 29, 2024, were classified by Company as "Other Loans Specially Mentioned," "Special Mention," "Substandard," "Doubtful," "Loss," "Classified," "Criticized," "Credit Risk Assets," "Concerned Loans," "Watch List" or words of similar import, together with the principal amount of and accrued and unpaid interest on each such Loan and the identity of the borrower thereunder, together with the aggregate principal amount of and accrued and unpaid interest on such Loans, by category of Loan (e.g., commercial, consumer, etc.), together with the aggregate principal amount of such Loans by category and (B) each asset of Company or any of its Subsidiaries that, as of February 29, 2024, is classified as "Other Real Estate Owned" and the book value thereof.
- (b) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company, each Loan of Company and its Subsidiaries (i) is evidenced by notes, agreements or other evidences of indebtedness that are true, genuine and what they purport to be, (ii) to the extent carried on the books and records of Company and its Subsidiaries as secured Loans, has been secured by valid charges, mortgages, pledges, security interests, restrictions, claims, liens or encumbrances, as applicable, which have been perfected and (iii) is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the obligor named therein, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to the Enforceability Exceptions.
- (c) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company, each outstanding Loan of Company and its Subsidiaries (including Loans held for resale to investors) was solicited and originated, and is and has been administered and, where applicable, serviced, and the relevant Loan files are being maintained, in all material respects in accordance with the relevant notes or other credit or security documents, the written underwriting standards of Company and its Subsidiaries (and, in the case of Loans held for resale to investors, the underwriting standards, if any, of the applicable investors) and with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and rules.
- (d) Except as set forth in Section 3.25(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, none of the agreements pursuant to which Company or any of its Subsidiaries has sold Loans or pools of Loans or participations in Loans or pools of Loans contains any

obligation to repurchase such Loans or interests therein solely on account of a payment default by the obligor on any such Loan.

- (e) There are no outstanding Loans made by Company or any of its Subsidiaries to any "executive officer" or other "insider" (as each such term is defined in Regulation O promulgated by the Federal Reserve Board) of Company or its Subsidiaries, other than Loans that are subject to and that were made and continue to be in compliance with Regulation O or that are exempt therefrom.
- (f) Neither Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is now nor has it ever been since January 1, 2020, subject to any fine, suspension, settlement or other contract or other administrative agreement or sanction by, or any reduction in any loan purchase commitment from, any Governmental Entity or Regulatory Agency relating to the origination, sale or servicing of mortgage or consumer Loans.

With respect to each Loan that is secured, whether in whole or in part, by a guaranty of the United States Department of Agriculture, the United Small Business Administration or any other Governmental Entity, such guaranty is in full force and effect and not subject to any defense or offset, and will remain in full force and effect and not subject to any defense or offset following the Closing Date, in each case, without any further action by the Company or its Subsidiaries' subject to the Company fulfilling its obligations under the Small Business Administration Agreement that arise after the date hereof.

- 3.26 <u>Insurance</u>. Except as would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company, Company and its Subsidiaries are insured with reputable insurers against such risks and in such amounts as the management of Company reasonably has determined to be prudent and consistent with industry practice, and Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with their insurance policies and are not in default under any of the terms thereof, each such policy is outstanding and in full force and effect and, except for policies insuring against potential liabilities of officers, directors and employees of Company and its Subsidiaries, Company or the relevant Subsidiary thereof is the sole beneficiary of such policies, and all premiums and other payments due under any such policy have been paid, and all claims thereunder have been filed in due and timely fashion.
- 3.27 <u>Information Security</u>. Except as would not reasonably be likely, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company, to the knowledge of Company, since January 1, 2020, no third party has gained unauthorized access to any information technology networks controlled by and material to the operation of the business of Company and its Subsidiaries.
- 3.28 <u>Marijuana Business</u>. All services provided by Company or its Subsidiaries to Cannabis Businesses or related entities or customers has been conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and guidance, including but not limited to (a) the directives and guidance set forth in "BSA Expectations Regarding Marijuana-Related Businesses," dated February 14, 2014 (FIN-2014-G001), issued by the Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

("FinCEN"), including but not limited to (i) completion of initial and ongoing diligence and monitoring of applicable businesses, (ii) the timely filing of all required suspicious activity reports ("SAR") on marijuana-related business customers, including (1) "Marijuana Limited" SAR filings, (2) "Marijuana Priority" SAR filings and (3) "Marijuana Termination" SAR filings, as applicable, and (iii) currency transaction reports and FinCEN Form 8300 reports in connection with marijuana-related business customers and (b) the directives and guidance set forth in "Guidance Regarding Due Diligence Requirements under the Bank Secrecy Act for Hemp-Related Business Customers," dated June 29, 2020, issued by FinCEN, including but not limited to (i) completion of initial and ongoing diligence and monitoring, (ii) the timely filing of suspicious activity reports when triggered by the guidance, and (iii) currency transaction reports in the same manner required for non-cannabis customers. Neither Company nor its Subsidiaries services any Marijuana Business that, or any vendor to a Marijuana Business that, is not legal under, and operated in compliance with, applicable state laws; and neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries services any Hemp Business that, or any vendor to a Hemp Business that, is not legal under, and operated in compliance with, applicable laws, including the 2018 Farm Bill. Neither Company nor its Subsidiaries services any business that manufactures, processes, sells, or purchases Delta 8 Tetrahydrocannabinol products, nor any business that derives revenue from any business that manufactures, processes, sells, or purchases Delta 8 Tetrahydrocannabinol products. None of the Cannabis Businesses serviced by Company or its Subsidiaries has received a warning letter from the Federal Drug Administration. For purposes of this Agreement, "Marijuana Business" shall include businesses involved in the manufacture, processing, sale, or purchase of cannabis products, all or a portion of which may be schedule I controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Act; "Hemp Business" shall include businesses involved in the manufacture, processing, sale, or purchase of cannabis products, all of which are not controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Act; and "Cannabis Business" shall include Marijuana Business, Hemp Business, related entities, and vendors or suppliers to the same.

## 3.29 Reserved.

# 3.30 Mortgage Banking Business.

(a) Company and its Subsidiaries have complied with, and all documentation in connection with the origination, processing, underwriting and credit approval of any mortgage loan originated, purchased or serviced by Company and its Subsidiaries satisfied, in all material respects, (i) all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations with respect to the origination, insuring, purchase, sale, pooling, servicing, subservicing, or filing of claims in connection with mortgage loans, including all laws relating to real estate settlement procedures, consumer credit protection, truth in lending laws, usury limitations, fair housing, transfers of servicing, collection practices, equal credit opportunity and adjustable rate mortgages, (ii) the responsibilities and obligations relating to mortgage loans set forth in any agreement between Company and its Subsidiaries and any Agency, Loan Investor or Insurer, (iii) the applicable rules, regulations, guidelines, handbooks and other requirements of any Agency, Loan Investor or Insurer and (iv) the terms and provisions of any mortgage or other collateral documents and other loan documents with respect to each mortgage loan.

(b) No Agency, Loan Investor or Insurer has (i) claimed in writing that Company or its Subsidiaries has violated or has not complied with the applicable underwriting standards with respect to mortgage loans sold by Company or its Subsidiaries to a Loan Investor or Agency, or with respect to any sale of mortgage servicing rights to a Loan Investor, (ii) imposed in writing restrictions on the activities (including commitment authority) of Company or its Subsidiaries or (iii) indicated in writing to Company or its Subsidiaries that it has terminated or intends to terminate its relationship with Company or its Subsidiaries for poor performance, poor loan quality or concern with respect to Company's or its Subsidiaries' compliance with laws.

For purposes of this Section 3.30: (i) "Agency" means the Federal Housing Administration, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Farmers Home Administration (now known as USDA Office of Rural Development), the Federal National Mortgage Association, the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Rural Housing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture or any other federal or state agency with authority to (x) determine any investment, origination, lending or servicing requirements with regard to mortgage loans originated, purchased or serviced by Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (y) originate, purchase, or service mortgage loans, or otherwise promote mortgage lending, including state and local housing finance authorities; (ii) "Loan Investor" means any person (including an Agency) having a beneficial interest in any mortgage loan originated, purchased or serviced by Company or any of its Subsidiaries or a security backed by or representing an interest in any such mortgage loan; and (iii) "Insurer" means a person who insures or guarantees for the benefit of the mortgagee all or any portion of the risk of loss upon borrower default on any of the mortgage loans originated, purchased or serviced by Company or any of its Subsidiaries, including the Federal Housing Administration, the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Rural Housing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and any private mortgage insurer, and providers of hazard, title or other insurance with respect to such mortgage loans or the related collateral.

# 3.31 No Other Representations or Warranties.

- (a) Except for the representations and warranties made by Company in this Article III, neither Company nor any other person makes any express or implied representation or warranty with respect to Company, its Subsidiaries, or their respective businesses, operations, assets, liabilities, conditions (financial or otherwise) or prospects, or the transactions contemplated hereby, and Company hereby disclaims any such other representations or warranties. In particular, without limiting the foregoing disclaimer, neither Company nor any other person makes or has made any representation or warranty to Purchaser or any of its affiliates or representatives with respect to (i) any financial projection, forecast, estimate, budget or prospective information relating to Company, any of its Subsidiaries or their respective businesses, or (ii) except for the representations and warranties made by Company in this Article III, any oral or written information presented to Purchaser or any of its affiliates or representatives in the course of their due diligence investigation of Company, the negotiation of this Agreement or in the course of the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (b) Company acknowledges and agrees that neither Purchaser nor any other person has made or is making any express or implied representation or warranty with

respect to Purchaser, its Subsidiaries, or their respective businesses, operations, assets, liabilities, conditions (financial or otherwise) or prospects, or the transactions contemplated hereby, other than those contained in Article IV.

# ARTICLE IV REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PURCHASER

Except (i) as disclosed in the disclosure schedule delivered by Purchaser to Company concurrently herewith (the "Purchaser Disclosure Schedule"); provided, that (a) no such item is required to be set forth as an exception to a representation or warranty if its absence would not result in the related representation or warranty being deemed untrue or incorrect, (b) the mere inclusion of an item in the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule as an exception to a representation or warranty shall not be deemed an admission by Purchaser that such item represents a material exception or fact, event or circumstance or that such item is reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and (c) any disclosures made with respect to a section of Article IV shall be deemed to qualify (1) any other section of Article IV specifically referenced or cross-referenced and (2) other sections of Article IV to the extent it is reasonably apparent on its face (notwithstanding the absence of a specific cross reference) from a reading of the disclosure that such disclosure applies to such other sections or (ii) as disclosed in any Purchaser Reports filed by Purchaser prior to the date hereof (but disregarding risk factor disclosures contained under the heading "Risk Factors," or disclosures of risks set forth in any Private Securities Litigation Reform Act safe harbor statement or similar disclaimer or any other statements that are similarly nonspecific or cautionary, predictive or forward-looking in nature), Purchaser hereby represents and warrants to Company as follows:

## 4.1 Corporate Organization.

- (a) Purchaser is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland and is a bank holding company duly registered under the BHC Act. Purchaser has all requisite corporate power and authority to own or lease all of its properties and assets and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted. Purchaser is duly licensed or qualified to do business, and, where such concept is recognized under applicable law, is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the nature of the business conducted by it or the character or location of the properties and assets owned or leased by it makes such licensing or qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so licensed or qualified or in good standing would not, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. True and complete copies of the Purchaser Articles and Purchaser Bylaws, as in effect as of the date of this Agreement, have previously been made available by Purchaser to Company.
- (b) Each Subsidiary of Purchaser (a "Purchaser Subsidiary") (i) is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, (ii) is duly licensed or qualified to do business and, where such concept is recognized under applicable law, in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the nature of the business conducted by it or the character or location of the properties and assets owned or leased by it makes such licensing or qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so licensed or qualified

or in good standing would not, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser and (iii) has all requisite corporate power and authority to own or lease its properties and assets and to carry on its business as now conducted. There are no restrictions on the ability of any Subsidiary of Purchaser to pay dividends or distributions except, in the case of a Subsidiary that is a regulated entity, for restrictions on dividends or distributions generally applicable to all such regulated entities. The deposit accounts of each Subsidiary of Purchaser that is an insured depository institution are insured by the FDIC through the Deposit Insurance Fund to the fullest extent permitted by law, all premiums and assessments required to be paid in connection therewith have been paid when due, and no proceedings for the termination of such insurance are pending or threatened. Section 4.1(b) of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule sets forth a true and complete list of all Subsidiaries of Purchaser as of the date hereof.

## 4.2 Capitalization.

The authorized capital stock of Purchaser consists of 49,000,000 shares of Purchaser Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value. As of the date of this Agreement, there are (i) 13,889,563 shares of Purchaser Common Stock issued and outstanding, (ii) no shares of Purchaser preferred stock issued and no shares of Purchaser preferred stock outstanding, (iii) no shares of Purchaser Common Stock held in treasury, (iv) 23,399 shares of Purchaser Common Stock reserved for issuance upon the vesting of outstanding restricted stock unit awards granted under a Purchaser Stock Plan (as defined below) (a "Purchaser Restricted Stock Unit Awards"), (v) 704,396 shares of Purchaser Common Stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding stock options to purchase shares of Purchaser Common Stock granted under a Purchaser Stock Plan (together with the Purchaser Restricted Stock Unit Awards, the "Purchaser Equity Awards"), (vi) 612,992 shares of Purchaser Common Stock reserved for issuance pursuant to future grants under the Purchaser Stock Plans, and (vii) no other shares of capital stock or other voting securities of Purchaser issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding. As used herein, the "Purchaser Stock Plans" shall mean all employee and director equity incentive plans of Purchaser in effect as of the date of this Agreement and agreements for equity awards in respect of Purchaser Common Stock granted by Purchaser under the inducement grant exception. All of the issued and outstanding shares of Purchaser Common Stock have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable and free of preemptive rights, with no personal liability attaching to the ownership thereof. There are no bonds, debentures, notes or other indebtedness that have the right to vote on any matters on which shareholders of Purchaser may vote. Except as set forth in Section 4.2(a) of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule, no trust preferred or subordinated debt securities of Purchaser are issued or outstanding. Other than Purchaser Equity Awards issued prior to the date of this Agreement, as of the date of this Agreement there are no outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, puts, calls, rights, exchangeable or convertible securities or other commitments or agreements obligating Purchaser to issue, transfer, sell, purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, any such securities. There are no voting trusts, shareholder agreements, proxies or other agreements in effect with respect to the voting or transfer of the Purchaser Common Stock or other equity interests of Purchaser, other than the Voting Agreements. Other than the Purchaser Equity Awards, on the date hereof, no equity-based awards (including any cash awards where the amount

of payment is determined in whole or in part based on the price of any capital stock of Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries) are outstanding.

(b) Except as set forth in Section 4.2(b) of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule, Purchaser owns, directly or indirectly, all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity ownership interests of each of the Purchaser Subsidiaries, free and clear of any Liens, and all of such shares or equity ownership interests are duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable (except, with respect to bank Subsidiaries, as provided under 12 U.S.C. § 55 or any comparable provision of applicable state law) and free of preemptive rights, with no personal liability attaching to the ownership thereof. No Purchaser Subsidiary has or is bound by any outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, rights, commitments or agreements of any character calling for the purchase or issuance of any shares of capital stock or any other equity security of such Subsidiary or any securities representing the right to purchase or otherwise receive any shares of capital stock or any other equity security of such Subsidiary.

#### 4.3 Authority; No Violation.

- Purchaser has full corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and, subject to the shareholder and other actions described below, to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the Merger have been duly and validly approved by the Board of Directors of Purchaser. The Board of Directors of Purchaser has determined that the Merger, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, is in the best interests of Purchaser and its shareholders and has directed that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby be submitted to Purchaser's shareholders for approval at a meeting of such shareholders and has adopted a resolution to the foregoing effect. Except for the approval of this Agreement by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Purchaser Common Stock that are entitled to vote (the "Requisite Purchaser Vote"), no other corporate proceedings on the part of Purchaser are necessary to approve this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby except, with respect to the Bank Merger, approval of the Bank Merger Agreement by Company as sole shareholder of Company Bank. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by Purchaser and (assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by Company) constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Purchaser, enforceable against Purchaser in accordance with its terms (except in all cases as such enforceability may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions). The shares of Purchaser Common Stock to be issued in the Merger have been validly authorized, when issued, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and no current or past shareholder of Purchaser will have any preemptive right or similar rights in respect thereof.
- (b) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Purchaser, nor the consummation by Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Bank Merger, nor compliance by Purchaser with any of the terms or provisions hereof, will (i) violate any provision of the Purchaser Articles or the Purchaser Bylaws, or (ii) assuming that the consents, approvals and filings referred to in Section 3.4 and Section 4.4 are duly obtained, (x) violate any statute, code, ordinance, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ,

decree or injunction applicable to Purchaser, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets or (y) violate, conflict with, result in a breach of any provision of or the loss of any benefit under, constitute a default (or an event which, with notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute a default) under, result in the termination of or a right of termination or cancellation under, accelerate the performance required by, or result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the respective properties or assets of Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, lease, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries is a party, or by which they or any of their respective properties or assets may be bound, except (in the case of clause (y) above) for such violations, conflicts, breaches or defaults which either individually or in the aggregate would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.

- Consents and Approvals. Except for (i) the filing of applications, filings and notices, as applicable, with NASDAQ, (ii) the filing of applications, filings, waiver requests and notices, as applicable, with the Federal Reserve Board under the BHC Act and the MOFR and approval of such applications, filings and notices or issuance of such waivers, (iii) the filing of applications, filings and notices, as applicable, with the OCC and the IDFPR in connection with the Bank Merger, including under the Bank Merger Act, and approval of such applications, filings and notices, (iv) the filing of any required applications, filings or notices with any state banking authorities listed on Section 3.4 of the Company Disclosure Schedule or Section 4.4 of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule and approval of such applications, filings and notices, (v) the filing with the SEC and declaration of effectiveness of the S-4 including the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, (vi) the filing of the Certificates of Merger and the Bank Merger Certificates and (vii) such filings and approvals as are required to be made or obtained under the securities or "Blue Sky" laws of various states in connection with the issuance of the shares of Purchaser Common Stock pursuant to this Agreement and the approval of the listing of such Purchaser Common Stock on NASDAQ, no consents or approvals of or filings or registrations with any Governmental Entity are necessary in connection with (A) the execution and delivery by Purchaser of this Agreement or (B) the consummation by Purchaser of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby (including the Bank Merger). As of the date hereof, Purchaser is not aware of any reason why the necessary regulatory approvals and consents will not be received in order to permit consummation of the Merger, Bank Merger, or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on a timely basis.
- 4.5 Reports. Purchaser and each of its Subsidiaries have timely filed all reports, registrations and statements, together with any amendments required to be made with respect thereto, that they were required to file since January 1, 2020 with any Regulatory Agencies, including, without limitation, any report, registration or statement required to be filed pursuant to the laws, rules or regulations of the United States, any state, any foreign entity, or any Regulatory Agency, and have paid all fees and assessments due and payable in connection therewith, except where the failure to file such report, registration or statement or to pay such fees and assessments, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. Except as set forth on Section 4.5 of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule and for normal examinations conducted by a Regulatory Agency in the ordinary course of business of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries, (i) no Regulatory Agency has initiated or has pending any proceeding or, to the knowledge of Purchaser, investigation into the business or operations of

Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries since January 1, 2020, (ii) there is no unresolved violation, criticism, or exception by any Regulatory Agency with respect to any report or statement relating to any examinations or inspections of Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries, and (iii) there has been no formal or informal inquiries by, or disagreements or disputes with, any Regulatory Agency with respect to the business, operations, policies or procedures of Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries since January 1, 2020, in each case, which would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.

#### 4.6 Financial Statements.

- The financial statements of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries included (or (a) incorporated by reference) in the Purchaser Reports (including the related notes, where applicable) (i) have been prepared from, and are in accordance with, the books and records of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries, (ii) fairly present in all material respects the consolidated results of operations, cash flows, changes in shareholders' equity and consolidated financial position of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries for the respective fiscal periods or as of the respective dates therein set forth (subject in the case of unaudited statements to yearend audit adjustments normal in nature and amount), (iii) complied, as of their respective dates of filing with the SEC, in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and with the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto, and (iv) have been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied during the periods involved, except, in each case, as indicated in such statements or in the notes thereto. The books and records of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries have been, and are being, maintained in all material respects in accordance with GAAP and any other applicable legal and accounting requirements and reflect only actual transactions. Elliott Davis, PLLC has not resigned (or informed Purchaser that it intends to resign) or been dismissed as independent public accountants of Purchaser as a result of or in connection with any disagreements with Purchaser on a matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure.
- (b) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries has any liability of any nature whatsoever (whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise and whether due or to become due), except for those liabilities that are reflected or reserved against on the consolidated balance sheet of Purchaser included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 (including any notes thereto) and for liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice since December 31, 2023, or in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (c) The records, systems, controls, data and information of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries are recorded, stored, maintained and operated under means (including any electronic, mechanical or photographic process, whether computerized or not) that are under the exclusive ownership and direct control of Purchaser or its Subsidiaries or accountants (including all means of access thereto and therefrom), except for any non-exclusive ownership and non-direct control that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. Purchaser (x) has implemented and maintains

disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) to ensure that material information relating to Purchaser, including its Subsidiaries, is made known to the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer of Purchaser by others within those entities as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures and to make the certifications required by the Exchange Act and Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and (y) has disclosed, based on its most recent evaluation prior to the date hereof, to Purchaser's outside auditors and the audit committee of Purchaser's Board of Directors (i) any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) which are reasonably likely to adversely affect Purchaser's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information, and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Purchaser's internal controls over financial reporting. These disclosures were made in writing by management to Purchaser's auditors and audit committee and a copy has previously been made available to Company. There is no reason to believe that Purchaser's outside auditors and its chief executive officer and chief financial officer will not be able to give the certifications and attestations required pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, without qualification, when next due.

- (d) Since January 1, 2020, (i) neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the knowledge of Purchaser, any director, officer, auditor, accountant or representative of Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries, has received or otherwise had or obtained knowledge of any material complaint, allegation, assertion or claim, whether written or oral, regarding the accounting or auditing practices, procedures, methodologies or methods (including with respect to loan loss reserves, write-downs, charge-offs and accruals) of Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries or their respective internal accounting controls, including any material complaint, allegation, assertion or claim that Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries has engaged in questionable accounting or auditing practices, and (ii) no attorney representing Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries, whether or not employed by Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries, has reported evidence of a material violation of securities laws, breach of fiduciary duty or similar violation by Purchaser or any of its officers, directors, employees or agents to the Board of Directors of Purchaser or any committee thereof or to the knowledge of Purchaser, to any director or officer of Purchaser.
- 4.7 <u>Broker's Fees.</u> With the exception of the engagement of Stephens, Inc., neither Purchaser nor any Purchaser Subsidiary nor any of their respective officers or directors has employed any broker, finder or financial advisor or incurred any liability for any broker's fees, commissions or finder's fees in connection with the Merger or related transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- 4.8 <u>Absence of Certain Changes or Events</u>. Since December 31, 2023, no event or events have occurred that have had or would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.

## 4.9 Legal Proceedings.

- (a) Except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any, and there are no pending or, to Purchaser's knowledge, threatened, legal, administrative, arbitral or other proceedings, claims, actions or governmental or regulatory investigations of any nature against Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their current or former directors or executive officers or challenging the validity or propriety of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (b) There is no injunction, order, judgment, decree, or regulatory restriction imposed upon Purchaser, any of its Subsidiaries or the assets of Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries (or that, upon consummation of the Merger, would apply to the Surviving Corporation or any of its affiliates) that would reasonably be expected to be material to Purchaser and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- Taxes and Tax Returns. Each of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries has duly and timely filed (including all applicable extensions) all material Tax Returns in all jurisdictions in which Tax Returns are required to be filed by it, and all such Tax Returns are true, correct, and complete in all material respects. Neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries is the beneficiary of any extension of time within which to file any material Tax Return (other than extensions to file Tax Returns obtained in the ordinary course of business). All material Taxes of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries (whether or not shown on any Tax Returns) that are due have been fully and timely paid. Each of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries has withheld and paid all material Taxes required to have been withheld and paid in connection with amounts paid or owing to any employee, creditor, shareholder, independent contractor or other third party. Neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries has granted any extension or waiver of the limitation period applicable to any material Tax that remains in effect. Except as set forth on Section 4.10(a) of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule, the federal income Tax Returns of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries for all years to and including 2022 have been examined by the IRS or are Tax Returns with respect to which the applicable period for assessment under applicable law, after giving effect to extensions or waivers, has expired. Neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries has received written notice of assessment or proposed assessment in connection with any material amount of Taxes, and there are no threatened in writing or pending disputes, claims, audits, examinations or other proceedings regarding any material Tax of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries or the assets of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries. Purchaser has made available to Company true and complete copies of any private letter ruling requests, closing agreements or gain recognition agreements with respect to Taxes requested or executed in the last six (6) years. Neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to or is bound by any Tax sharing, allocation or indemnification agreement or arrangement (other than such an agreement or arrangement exclusively between or among Purchaser and its Subsidiaries). Neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) has been a member of an affiliated group filing a consolidated federal income Tax Return (other than a group the common parent of which was Purchaser) or (ii) has any liability for the Taxes of any person (other than Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries) under Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign law), as a transferee or successor, by contract or otherwise. Neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries has been, within the past two (2) years or otherwise as part of a "plan (or series of related transactions)" within the meaning of Section 355(e) of the Code of

which the Merger is also a part, a "distributing corporation" or a "controlled corporation" (within the meaning of Section 355(a)(1)(A) of the Code) in a distribution of stock intending to qualify for tax-free treatment under Section 355 of the Code. Neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries has participated in a "reportable transaction" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations section 1.6011-4(b)(1). At no time during the past five (5) years has Purchaser been a United States "real property holding corporation" within the meaning of Section 897(c)(2) of the Code.

- SEC Reports. No communication mailed by Purchaser to its shareholders since January 1, 2020 and prior to the date hereof nor any final registration statement, prospectus, report, schedule or definitive proxy statement filed with or furnished to the SEC since January 1, 2020 by Purchaser pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or the Exchange Act (the "Purchaser Reports") as of the date thereof (and, in the case of registration statements and proxy statements, on the dates of effectiveness and the dates of the relevant meetings, respectively), contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading, except that information filed or furnished as of a later date (but before the date of this Agreement) shall be deemed to modify information as of an earlier date. Since January 1, 2020, as of their respective dates, all Purchaser Reports filed under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act complied in all material respects with the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto. As of the date of this Agreement, no executive officer of Purchaser has failed in any respect to make the certifications required of him or her under Section 302 or 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. As of the date of this Agreement, there are no outstanding comments from or unresolved issues raised by the SEC with respect to any of the Purchaser Reports.
- Compliance with Applicable Law. Purchaser and each of its Subsidiaries hold, and have at all times since January 1, 2020, held, all licenses, franchises, permits and authorizations necessary for the lawful conduct of their respective businesses and ownership of their respective properties, rights and assets under and pursuant to each (and have paid all fees and assessments due and payable in connection therewith), except where neither the cost of failure to hold nor the cost of obtaining and holding such license, franchise, permit or authorization (nor the failure to pay any fees or assessments) would, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, and, to the knowledge of Purchaser, no suspension or cancellation of any such necessary license, franchise, permit or authorization is threatened. Since January 1, 2020, Purchaser and each of its Subsidiaries have complied in all material respects with and are not in material default or violation under any, applicable law, statute, order, rule, regulation, policy and/or guideline of any Governmental Entity relating to Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries. Purchaser Bank has a CRA rating of "satisfactory" or better in its most recently completed exam. Since January 1, 2020, Purchaser and each of its Subsidiaries have complied in all material respects with and are not in material default or violation under any applicable law, statute, order, rule, regulation, policy and/or guideline of any Governmental Entity relating to Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries, including all laws relating to the privacy and security of data or information in the custody or control of the Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries that constitutes personal data, personal information, or nonpublic personal information under applicable law or, without limiting the foregoing, relates to an identified or identifiable natural person ("Purchaser Personal Data"). Purchaser and its Subsidiaries maintain a written information privacy and security program that includes reasonable measures to protect the privacy, confidentiality and

security of all Purchaser Personal Data against any (i) loss or misuse of Purchaser Personal Data, (ii) unauthorized or unlawful operations performed upon Purchaser Personal Data or (iii) other act or omission that compromises the security or confidentiality of Purchaser Personal Data (clauses (i) through (iii), a "Purchaser Security Breach"). To the knowledge of Purchaser, neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries have experienced any Purchaser Security Breach that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. To the knowledge of Purchaser, there are no data security or other technological vulnerabilities with respect to Purchaser's or its Subsidiaries information technology systems or networks that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.

## 4.13 Certain Contracts.

- (a) Each contract, arrangement, commitment or understanding (whether written or oral) which is a "material contract" (as such term is defined in Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K of the SEC) to which Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries is bound as of the date hereof has been filed as an exhibit to the most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed by Purchaser, or a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or Current Report on Form 8-K subsequent thereto (each a "Purchaser Contract").
- Each Purchaser Contract is valid and binding on Purchaser or one of its (b) Subsidiaries, as applicable, and in full force and effect, except as, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. Purchaser and each of its Subsidiaries has in all material respects performed all obligations required to be performed by it to date under each Purchaser Contract, except where such noncompliance, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. To Purchaser's knowledge each third-party counterparty to each Purchaser Contract has in all material respects performed all obligations required to be performed by it to date under such Purchaser Contract, except where such noncompliance, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, and no event or condition exists which constitutes or, after notice or lapse of time or both, will constitute, a material default on the part of Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries under any such Purchaser Contract, except where such default, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser. No third-party counterparty to any Purchaser Contract has exercised or threatened in writing to exercise any force majeure (or similar) provision to excuse non-performance or performance delays in any Purchaser Contract.
- 4.14 Agreements with Regulatory Agencies. Neither Purchaser nor any of its Subsidiaries is subject to any cease-and-desist or other order or enforcement action issued by, or is a party to any written agreement, consent agreement or memorandum of understanding with, or is a party to any commitment letter or similar undertaking to, or is subject to any order or directive by, or has been ordered to pay any civil money penalty by, or has been since January 1, 2020, a recipient of any supervisory letter from, or since January 1, 2020, has adopted any policies, procedures or board resolutions at the request or suggestion of any Regulatory Agency or other

Governmental Entity that currently restricts in any material respect the conduct of its business or that in any material manner relates to its capital adequacy, its ability to pay dividends, its credit or risk management policies, its management or its business, nor has Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries been advised since January 1, 2020, by any Regulatory Agency or other Governmental Entity of any potential action that could restrict the business of Purchaser or any of its Subsidiaries in any material respect.

- 4.15 <u>State Takeover Laws</u>. The Board of Directors of Purchaser has approved this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby as required to render inapplicable to such agreements and transactions any Takeover Statutes.
- 4.16 <u>Reorganization</u>. Purchaser has not taken any action and is not aware of any fact or circumstance that could reasonably be expected to prevent the Merger from qualifying as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code.
- 4.17 <u>Purchaser Information</u>. The information relating to Purchaser and its Subsidiaries to be contained in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and the S-4, and the information relating to Purchaser and its Subsidiaries that is provided by Purchaser or its representatives for inclusion in any other document filed with any other Regulatory Agency in connection herewith, will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they are made, not misleading. The Proxy Statement/Prospectus (except for such portions thereof that relate only to Company or any of its Subsidiaries) will comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. The S-4 (except for such portions thereof that relate only to Company or any of its Subsidiaries) will comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no representation or warranty is made by Purchaser with respect to statements made or incorporated by reference therein based on information provided or supplied by or on behalf of the Company or its Subsidiaries for inclusion in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus or the S-4.
- 4.18 <u>Information Security</u>. Except as would not reasonably be likely, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser, to the knowledge of Purchaser, since January 1, 2020, no third party has gained unauthorized access to any information technology networks controlled by and material to the operation of the business of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries.
- 4.19 Opinion. Prior to the execution of this Agreement, the board of directors of Purchaser has received an opinion (which, if initially rendered verbally, has been or will be confirmed by a written opinion, dated the same date) of Stephens, Inc. to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion, and based upon and subject to the factors, assumptions, and limitations set forth therein, the Merger Consideration is fair to Purchaser from a financial point of view. Such opinion has not been amended or rescinded as of the date of this Agreement.
- 4.20 <u>Tax Matters</u>. As of the date of this Agreement it is the present intention, and as of the day of the Effective Time it will be the present intention, of Purchaser to continue, either through the Surviving Corporation or through a member of the Surviving Corporation's "qualified group" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.368-1(d)(4)(ii), at least one

significant historic business line of Company, or to use at least a significant portion of Company's and Company Bank's historic business assets in a business, in each case within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.368-1(d). As of the date of this Agreement and as of the date of the Effective Time, neither Purchaser nor any "related person" (as defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.368-1(e)(4)) to Purchaser has or will have any plan or intention to redeem or reacquire, either directly or indirectly, any of the Purchaser Common Stock issued to the holders of Company Common Stock in connection with the Merger. As of the date of this Agreement and as of the date of the Effective Time, Purchaser does not have and will not have any plan or intention to sell or otherwise dispose of any of the assets of Company or Company Bank acquired in the Merger (whether directly or indirectly), except for (a) dispositions made in the ordinary course of business, (b) transfers described in Section 368(a)(2)(C) of the Code or (c) transactions described and permitted in Treasury Regulations Section 1.368-2(k). Purchaser and Purchaser Bank have not taken or agreed to take (or failed to take or agree to take) any action, and do not know of any facts or circumstances, that would reasonably be expected to prevent the Merger from qualifying as a reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Code.

## 4.21 No Other Representations or Warranties.

- (a) Except for the representations and warranties made by Purchaser in this Article IV, neither Purchaser nor any other person makes any express or implied representation or warranty with respect to Purchaser, its Subsidiaries, or their respective businesses, operations, assets, liabilities, conditions (financial or otherwise) or prospects, and Purchaser hereby disclaims any such other representations or warranties. In particular, without limiting the foregoing disclaimer, neither Purchaser nor any other person makes or has made any representation or warranty to Company or any of its affiliates or representatives with respect to (i) any financial projection, forecast, estimate, budget or prospective information relating to Purchaser, any of its Subsidiaries or their respective businesses, or (ii) except for the representations and warranties made by Purchaser in this Article IV, any oral or written information presented to Company or any of its affiliates or representatives in the course of their due diligence investigation of Purchaser, the negotiation of this Agreement or in the course of the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (b) Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that neither Company nor any other person has made or is making any express or implied representation or warranty with respect to the Company, its Subsidiaries, or their respective businesses, operations, assets, liabilities, conditions (financial or otherwise) or prospects, or the transactions contemplated hereby, other than those contained in Article III.

# ARTICLE V COVENANTS RELATING TO CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

5.1 <u>Conduct of Business Prior to the Effective Time</u>. During the period from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time or earlier termination of this Agreement, except as expressly contemplated or permitted by this Agreement (including as set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedule), required by law or as consented to in writing by Purchaser (or, in the case of clause (b), the Company) (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), (a) Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, conduct its business in the ordinary

course in all material respects and use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain and preserve intact its business organization, the services of its employees and its advantageous business relationships, and (b) except as expressly required by this Agreement (including as set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedule or the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule), required by law or as consented to in writing by the other party, each of the Company and Purchaser shall not, and shall cause their respective Subsidiaries not to, knowingly take any action that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect or materially delay the ability to obtain any necessary approvals of any Regulatory Agency or other Governmental Entity required for the transactions contemplated hereby or to perform its respective covenants and agreements under this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby on a timely basis.

- 5.2 <u>Company Forbearances</u>. During the period from the date of this Agreement (or other time as expressly set forth herein) to the Effective Time or earlier termination of this Agreement, except as set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedule, as expressly contemplated or permitted by this Agreement or as required by law, Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, without the prior written consent of Purchaser (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed):
  - (a) other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, incur any indebtedness for borrowed money (other than indebtedness of Company or any of its wholly-owned Subsidiaries to Company or any of its Subsidiaries), assume, guarantee, endorse or otherwise as an accommodation become responsible for the obligations of any other individual, corporation or other entity;

(b)

- (i) adjust, split, combine or reclassify any capital stock;
- (ii) make, declare or pay any dividend, or make any other distribution on, or directly or indirectly redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire, any shares of its capital stock or any securities or obligations convertible (whether currently convertible or convertible only after the passage of time or the occurrence of certain events) into or exchangeable for any shares of its capital stock (except (A) dividends paid by any of the Subsidiaries of Company to Company or any of its wholly-owned Subsidiaries, (B) the Pre-Closing Dividend, or (C) the acceptance of shares of Company Common Stock as payment for the exercise price of Company Stock Options or for withholding Taxes incurred in connection with the exercise of Company Stock Options or the vesting or settlement of Company Equity Awards, in each case in accordance with past practice and the terms of the applicable award agreements);
- (iii) grant any Company Equity Awards (or any similar award that would be a Company Equity Award had it been issued under the Company Stock Plans) or other equity-based awards or interests, or grant any individual, corporation or other entity any right to acquire any shares of its capital stock; or

- (iv) issue, sell or otherwise permit to become outstanding any additional shares of capital stock or securities convertible or exchangeable into, or exercisable for, any shares of its capital stock or any options, warrants, or other rights of any kind to acquire any shares of capital stock, except pursuant to the exercise of stock options or the settlement of equity compensation awards outstanding as of the date hereof in accordance with their terms, as such terms may be adjusted by reason of any Extraordinary Event Adjustments;
- (c) sell, transfer, mortgage, encumber or otherwise dispose of any of its material properties or assets or any business to any person, or cancel, release or assign any indebtedness to any such person or any claims held by any such person, in each case other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or pursuant to contracts or agreements in force at the date of this Agreement and set forth on Section 5.2(c) of the Company Disclosure Schedule;
- (d) except for transactions in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or as set forth on Section 5.2(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, make any material investment either by purchase of stock or securities, contributions to capital, property transfers, or purchase of any property or assets of any other individual, corporation or other entity other than a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Company;
- (e) terminate, materially amend, or waive any material provision of, any Company Contract, or make any change in any instrument or agreement governing the terms of any of its securities, or material lease or contract, other than normal renewals of contracts and leases without material adverse changes of terms with respect to Company, or enter into any contract that would constitute a Company Contract if it were in effect on the date of this Agreement, except for transactions in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;
- except as required under applicable law, the terms of any Company Benefit Plan existing as of the date hereof, or as set forth in Section 5.2(f) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, (i) enter into, establish, adopt, amend or terminate any Company Benefit Plan, or any arrangement that would be a Company Benefit Plan if in effect on the date hereof, other than with respect to broad-based welfare benefit plans (other than severance) in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and as would not reasonably be expected to materially increase the cost of benefits under any such Company Benefit Plan, as the case may be, (ii) increase the compensation or benefits payable to any current or former employee, director or individual consultant, other than increases for current employees with an annual base salary below \$150,000 in connection with a promotion (permitted hereunder) or change in responsibilities, in each case, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and to a level consistent with similarly situated peer employees, (iii) accelerate the vesting of any equity-based awards or other compensation or benefits, (iv) enter into any new, or amend any existing, employment, severance, change in control, retention, collective bargaining agreement or similar agreement or arrangement, (v) fund any rabbi trust or similar arrangement, or in any other way secure the payment of compensation or benefits under any Company Benefit Plan, (vi) terminate the employment or services of any employee with an annual base salary

(exclusive of commissions) equal to or in excess of \$150,000, other than for cause, or (vii) hire or promote any employee with an annual base salary equal to or in excess of \$150,000 (other than as a replacement hire or promotion on substantially similar terms of employment as the departed employee), or significantly change the responsibilities assigned to any such employee;

- (g) except as set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedules, settle any material claim, suit, action or proceeding, other than those relating to any foreclosure action by Company or except in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice in an amount and for consideration not in excess of \$100,000 individually or \$250,000 in the aggregate and that would not impose any material restriction on the business of it or its Subsidiaries or the Surviving Corporation;
- (h) take any action or knowingly fail to take any action where such action or failure to act could reasonably be expected to prevent the Merger from qualifying as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code;
- (i) amend its articles of incorporation, its bylaws or comparable governing documents of its Subsidiaries;
- (j) merge or consolidate itself or any of its Subsidiaries with any other person, or restructure, reorganize or completely or partially liquidate or dissolve it or any of its Subsidiaries;
- (k) materially restructure or materially change its investment securities or derivatives portfolio or its interest rate exposure, through purchases, sales or otherwise, or the manner in which the portfolio is classified or reported or purchase any security rated below investment grade, in each case, other than (i) in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or (ii) as may be required by GAAP or any applicable laws, regulations, guidelines or policies imposed by a Governmental Entity;
- (l) take any action that is intended or expected to result in any of its representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement being or becoming untrue in any material respect at any time prior to the Effective Time, or in any of the conditions to the Merger set forth in Article VII not being satisfied or in a violation of any provision of this Agreement, except, in every case, as may be required by applicable law;
- (m) implement or adopt any change in its accounting principles, practices or methods, other than as may be required by GAAP or applicable law;
- (n) enter into any new line of business or change in any material respect its lending, investment, underwriting, risk and asset liability management and other banking and operating, securitization and servicing policies (including any change in the maximum ratio or similar limits as a percentage of its capital exposure applicable with respect to its loan portfolio or any segment thereof), except as required by applicable law, regulation or policies imposed by any Governmental Entity;

- (o) make any loans or extensions of credit except (i) in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (ii) with aggregate outstanding commitments to any borrower or group of related borrowers not in excess of \$1,000,000, (iii) Small Business Administration guaranteed loans with unguaranteed portions not exceeding \$625,000, (iv) U.S. Department of Agriculture guaranteed loans with unguaranteed portions not exceeding \$1,000,000, (v) solar development and construction loans with aggregate outstanding commitments to any borrower or group of related borrowers not in excess of \$1,000,000 or (vi) pursuant to existing commitments; provided, however, that Purchaser's consent to the Company making loans or extensions of credit that require Purchaser's consent pursuant to this section shall be deemed to have been received so long as the process set forth in Section 5.2(o) of the Company Disclosure Schedule shall have been complied with;
- (p) make any material changes in its policies and practices with respect to (i) underwriting, pricing, originating, acquiring, selling, servicing, or buying or selling rights to service, Loans or (ii) its investment, risk and asset liability management or hedging practices and policies, in each case except as required by law or requested by a Regulatory Agency;
- (q) make, or commit to make, any individual capital expenditures in excess of \$100,000;
- (r) make any Tax election in the ordinary course of business that is inconsistent with Company's (or its Subsidiaries') prior practices, make any other Tax election, change or revoke any material Tax election, change an annual Tax accounting period, adopt or change any Tax accounting method, file any amended Tax Return, enter into any closing agreement with respect to Taxes, or settle any Tax claim, audit, assessment or dispute or surrender any right to claim a refund of Taxes;
- (s) except as set forth in the Company Disclosure Schedule, make application for the opening, relocation or closing of any, or open, relocate or close any, branch office, loan production office or other significant office or operations facility of it or its Subsidiaries:
- (t) knowingly take any action that is intended to or would reasonably be likely to prevent, materially impede or materially delay the ability of Purchaser, Company or their respective Subsidiaries to obtain any necessary approvals of any Governmental Entity required for the Merger (including the Requisite Regulatory Approvals) or to perform their covenants and agreements under this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby;
- (u) increase or decrease the rate of interest paid on time deposits, or on certificates of deposit, except in a manner consistent with market conditions and pursuant to policies consistent with past practices;
- (v) extend or shorten the maturity dates on any loans or extensions of credit or extend or shorten the term on any time deposits except, in each case, as consistent with

past practice but, in no event, for period greater than twelve (12) months; provided, that Purchaser shall be required to respond to any requests for a consent to such modification within two (2) business days after the request is received by Purchaser;

- (w) fail to provide notice to Purchaser, in writing, prior to taking any actions outside the ordinary course of business, between the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity Determination Date and the Effective Time, that would result in a reduction of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity or result in a reduction of the ratio of the Company Bank's allowance for credit losses to gross loans held for investment; or
- (x) agree to take, make any commitment to take, or adopt any resolutions of its board of directors or similar governing body in support of, any of the actions prohibited by this Section 5.2.
- 5.3 <u>Purchaser Forbearances</u>. During the period from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time or earlier termination of this Agreement, except as set forth in the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule, as expressly contemplated or permitted by this Agreement or as required by law, Purchaser shall not, and shall not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, without the prior written consent of Company (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed):
  - (a) amend its articles of incorporation, its regulations or comparable governing documents of its Subsidiaries in a manner that would adversely affect the economic benefits of the Merger to the holders of the Company Common Stock;
    - (b) adjust, split, combine or reclassify any capital stock;
    - (c) [reserved];
  - (d) adopt or publicly propose a plan of complete or partial liquidation or resolutions providing for or authorizing such a liquidation or a dissolution of Purchaser;
  - (e) make any written communications to the employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries without prior consultation with the Company and consideration of any Company comments in good faith;
  - (f) take any action or knowingly fail to take any action where such action or failure to act could reasonably be expected to prevent the Merger from qualifying as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code; or
  - (g) agree to take, make any commitment to take, or adopt any resolutions of its board of directors or similar governing body in support of, any of the actions prohibited by this Section 5.3.

## ARTICLE VI ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

## 6.1 Regulatory Matters.

- (a) Promptly after the date of this Agreement, Purchaser and Company shall cause the S-4 to be prepared and Purchaser shall cause the S-4 to be filed with the SEC. Purchaser and Company each agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts and to cooperate with the other party in all reasonable respects to prepare the Proxy Statement/Prospectus for filing with the SEC. Each of Purchaser and Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to have the S-4 declared effective under the Securities Act as promptly as practicable after such filing, and to keep the S-4 effective for so long as necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and Purchaser and Company shall thereafter as promptly as practicable mail or deliver the Proxy Statement/Prospectus to their respective shareholders. Purchaser shall also use its reasonable best efforts to obtain all necessary state securities law or "Blue Sky" permits and approvals required to carry out the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and Company shall furnish all information concerning Company and the holders of Company Common Stock as may be reasonably requested in connection with any such action.
- The parties hereto shall cooperate with each other and use, and cause their applicable Subsidiaries to use, their reasonable best efforts to promptly prepare and file all necessary documentation, to effect all applications, notices, petitions and filings, to obtain as promptly as practicable all permits, consents, approvals and authorizations of all third parties and Governmental Entities which are necessary or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including, without limitation, the Merger, the Bank Merger and the Pre-Closing Dividend), and to comply with the terms and conditions of all such permits, consents, approvals and authorizations of all such Governmental Entities. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as soon as practicable and in no event later than sixty (60) calendar days after the date of this Agreement, Purchaser and the Company shall, and shall cause their respective Subsidiaries to, each prepare and file any applications, notices, petitions and filings required to be filed with any Governmental Entity in order to obtain the Requisite Regulatory Approvals. Purchaser and Company shall have the right to review in advance, and, to the extent practicable, each will, in good faith, consult the other on, in each case subject to applicable laws relating to the exchange of information, all the information relating to Company or Purchaser, as the case may be, and any of their respective Subsidiaries, which appears in any filing made with, or written materials submitted to, any third party or any Governmental Entity in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In exercising the foregoing right, each of the parties hereto shall act reasonably, diligently, and as promptly as practicable. The parties hereto agree that they will consult with each other with respect to the obtaining of all permits, consents, approvals and authorizations of all third parties and Governmental Entities necessary or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and each party will keep the other apprised of the status of matters relating to completion of the transactions contemplated herein. Each party shall, in good faith, consult with the other in advance of any meeting or conference with any Governmental Entity in connection with the transactions contemplated

by this Agreement and to the extent permitted by such Governmental Entity, give the other party and/or its counsel the opportunity to attend and participate in such meetings and conferences.

- (c) In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, each of Purchaser and Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to (i) avoid the entry of, or to have vacated, lifted, reversed or overturned any decree, judgment, injunction or other order, whether temporary, preliminary or permanent, that would restrain, prevent or delay the Closing, and (ii) avoid or eliminate each and every impediment, including with respect to obtaining the Requisite Regulatory Approvals, so as to enable the Closing to occur as soon as possible. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to require Purchaser or permit Company to take, or agree to take, any action, or commit to take any action, or agree to any condition or restriction, in connection with the grant of a Requisite Regulatory Approval, that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, after giving effect to the Merger (a "Materially Burdensome Regulatory Condition").
- Purchaser and Company shall, upon request, furnish each other with all information concerning themselves, their respective Subsidiaries, directors, officers and shareholders and such other matters as may be reasonably necessary or advisable in connection with the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, the S-4, or any other statement, filing, notice or application made by or on behalf of Purchaser, Company or any of their respective Subsidiaries to any Governmental Entity in connection with the Merger, the Bank Merger, and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including the Pre-Closing Dividend). Each of Purchaser and the Company agrees, as to itself and its Subsidiaries, that none of the information supplied or to be supplied by it for inclusion or incorporation by reference in (i) the S-4 will, at the time the S-4 and each amendment or supplement thereto, if any, becomes effective under the Securities Act, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and (ii) the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto will, at the date of mailing to Company's and Purchaser's shareholders and at the time of the Company Meeting and Purchaser Meeting to consider and vote upon approval of the Merger, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which such statement was made, not misleading. Each of Purchaser and the Company further agrees that if it becomes aware that any information furnished by it would cause any of the statements in the S-4 or the Proxy Statement/ Prospectus and each amendment or supplement thereto to be false or misleading with respect to any material fact, or to omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein not false or misleading, to promptly inform the other party thereof and to take appropriate steps to correct the S-4 or the Proxy Statement/ Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto.
- (e) To the extent permitted by applicable law, Purchaser and Company shall promptly advise each other upon receiving any communication from any Governmental Entity whose consent or approval is required for consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement that causes such party to believe that there is a reasonable

likelihood that any Requisite Regulatory Approval will not be obtained or that the receipt of any such approval will be materially delayed. As used in this Agreement, the "Requisite Regulatory Approvals" shall mean all regulatory authorizations, consents, waivers, orders or approvals from (x) the Federal Reserve Board, the OCC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the MOFR and the IDFPR and (y) any other approvals set forth in Sections 3.4 and 4.4 which are necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the Merger, the Bank Merger and the Pre-Closing Dividend, or those the failure of which to be obtained would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect on the Surviving Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries.

## 6.2 Access to Information.

- Upon reasonable notice and subject to applicable laws, the Company shall, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to, afford to the officers, employees, counsel, accountants and advisors of Purchaser, reasonable access, during normal business hours during the period prior to the Effective Time, and for purposes of verifying the representations and warranties of Company in Article III and preparing for the Merger and the other matters contemplated by this Agreement, to all its properties, books, personnel and records, except that the Purchaser's access to the properties shall not extend to the sampling of the soil, groundwater, surface water, soil or sub-slab vapor, or indoor air quality at the properties, and shall cooperate with Purchaser in preparing to execute after the Effective Time conversion or consolidation of systems and business operations generally, and, during such period, the Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, make available to Purchaser all other information concerning its business, properties and personnel as Purchaser may reasonably request. Upon reasonable notice and subject to applicable laws, Purchaser shall, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to, afford to the officers, employees, counsel, accountants and advisors of the Company, reasonable access, during normal business hours during the period prior to the Effective Time, and solely for purposes of verifying the representations and warranties of Purchaser in Article IV, to the Purchaser's properties, books, personnel and records. Each party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to minimize any interference with the other party's regular business operations during any such access. Neither Purchaser nor the Company nor any of their respective Subsidiaries shall be required to provide access to or to disclose information where such access or disclosure would violate or prejudice the rights of Purchaser's or the Company's, as the case may be, customers, jeopardize the attorney-client privilege or other legal privilege of the party in possession or control of such information (after giving due consideration to the existence of any common interest, joint defense or similar agreement between the parties) or contravene any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment, decree, fiduciary duty, duty of confidentiality or binding agreement entered into prior to the date of this Agreement. The parties hereto will use reasonable best efforts to cooperate and request waivers or make appropriate substitute disclosure arrangements under circumstances in which the restrictions of the preceding sentence apply.
- (b) Each of Purchaser and Company shall hold all information furnished by or on behalf of the other party or any of such party's Subsidiaries or representatives pursuant to Section 6.2(a) in confidence to the extent required by, and in accordance with, the

provisions of the Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement, dated July 26, 2023, between Purchaser and Company (the "Confidentiality Agreement").

- (c) No investigation by either of the parties or their respective representatives shall affect or be deemed to modify or waive the representations and warranties of the other set forth herein. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall give either party, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct the operations of the other party prior to the Effective Time. Prior to the Effective Time, each party shall exercise, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, complete control and supervision over its and its Subsidiaries' respective operations.
- Shareholders' Approvals. Each of Purchaser and Company shall, in accordance with applicable laws, Purchaser Articles, Purchaser Bylaws, the Company Articles and the Company Bylaws, as applicable, call, give notice of and convene a meeting of its shareholders (the "Purchaser Meeting" and the "Company Meeting"), to be held as soon as reasonably practicable after the S-4 is declared effective for the purpose of obtaining (a) in the case of Purchaser, the Requisite Purchaser Vote and, in the case of Company, the Requisite Company Vote required in connection with this Agreement and the Merger and, (b) if so desired and mutually agreed, upon other matters of the type customarily brought before an annual or special meeting of shareholders to approve a merger. Such meetings may be held virtually, subject to applicable law and the organizational documents of each party. Each of Purchaser and Company and their respective Board of Directors shall use their reasonable best efforts to obtain from the shareholders of Purchaser and Company, as applicable, the Requisite Purchaser Vote and the Requisite Company Vote, as applicable, including by communicating to the respective shareholders of Purchaser and Company its recommendation (and including such recommendation in the Proxy Statement/ Prospectus) that the shareholders of Purchaser and shareholders of Company, as applicable, adopt and approve this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. However, subject to Section 8.1 and Section 8.2, if the Board of Directors of Purchaser or Company, after receiving the advice of its outside counsel and, with respect to financial matters, its financial advisors, determines in good faith that it would be reasonably likely to result in a violation of its fiduciary duties under applicable law to continue to recommend this Agreement, then in submitting this Agreement to its shareholders, such Board of Directors may (but shall not be required to), in the case of Purchaser, prior to the receipt of the Requisite Purchaser Vote, and, in the case of Company, prior to the receipt of the Requisite Company Vote, submit this Agreement to its shareholders without recommendation (although the resolutions approving this Agreement as of the date hereof may not be rescinded or amended), in which event such Board of Directors may communicate the basis for its lack of a recommendation to its shareholders in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus or an appropriate amendment or supplement thereto to the extent required by law; provided, that such Board of Directors may not take any actions under this sentence unless (i) it gives the other party at least five (5) business days' prior written notice of its intention to take such action and a reasonable description of the event or circumstances giving rise to its determination to take such action (including, in the event such action is taken by the Board of Directors of Company in response to an Acquisition Proposal, the latest material terms and conditions of, and the identity of the third party making, any such Acquisition Proposal, or any amendment or modification thereof, and a copy thereof if in writing and any related documentation or correspondence) and (ii) at the end of such notice period, such Board of Directors takes into account any amendment or modification to this Agreement proposed by the other party and after receiving the advice of its

outside counsel and, with respect to financial matters, its financial advisors, determines in good faith that it would nevertheless be reasonably likely to result in a violation of its fiduciary duties under applicable law to continue to recommend this Agreement. Any material amendment to any Acquisition Proposal will be deemed to be a new Acquisition Proposal for purposes of this Section 6.3 and will require a new notice period as referred to in this Section 6.3. Purchaser or Company shall adjourn or postpone the Purchaser Meeting or Company Meeting, as the case may be, if, as of the time for which such meeting is originally scheduled, there are insufficient shares of Purchaser Common Stock or Company Common Stock, as the case may be, represented (either in person or by proxy) to constitute a quorum necessary to conduct the business of such meeting, or if on the date of such meeting Purchaser or Company, as applicable, has not received proxies representing a sufficient number of shares necessary to obtain the Requisite Purchaser Vote or the Requisite Company Vote and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Purchaser and Company, as applicable, shall continue to use reasonable best efforts to solicit proxies from its shareholders in order to obtain the Requisite Purchaser Vote or the Requisite Company Vote, respectively. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, unless this Agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms, (a) Purchaser Meeting shall be convened and this Agreement shall be submitted to the shareholders of Purchaser at the Purchaser Meeting for the purpose of voting on the approval of this Agreement and the other matters contemplated hereby, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to relieve Purchaser of such obligation and (b) Company Meeting shall be convened and this Agreement shall be submitted to the shareholders of Company at the Company Meeting for the purpose of voting on the approval of this Agreement and the other matters contemplated hereby, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to relieve Company of such obligation.

- 6.4 <u>Legal Conditions to Merger</u>. Subject in all respects to Sections 6.1, 6.3 and 6.12 of this Agreement, each of Purchaser and Company shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, use their reasonable best efforts (a) to take, or cause to be taken, all actions necessary, proper or advisable to comply promptly with all legal requirements that may be imposed on such party or its Subsidiaries with respect to the Merger and the Bank Merger and, subject to the conditions set forth in Article VII hereof, to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and (b) to obtain (and to cooperate with the other party to obtain) any material consent, authorization, order or approval of, or any exemption by, any Governmental Entity and any other third party that is required to be obtained by Company or Purchaser or any of their respective Subsidiaries in connection with the Merger, the Bank Merger, and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- 6.5 <u>Stock Exchange Listing.</u> Purchaser shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause the shares of Purchaser Common Stock to be issued in the Merger (including shares of Purchaser Common Stock to be reserved for issuance upon exercise of Purchaser Stock Options, in each case, to be issued pursuant to Section 1.8) to be approved for listing on NASDAQ, subject to official notice of issuance, prior to the Effective Time.

#### 6.6 Employee Benefit Plans.

(a) During the period commencing at the Effective Time and ending on the twelve (12) month anniversary of the Closing Date or, if shorter, during the period of employment of a Continuing Employee following the Closing, the Surviving Corporation

shall provide each of the employees of the Company and its Subsidiaries who continue to be employed by the Surviving Corporation and its Subsidiaries immediately following the Effective Time (each a "Continuing Employee") with (i) a base salary or wage rate, as applicable, that is no less than the base salary or wage rate, as applicable, provided to the Continuing Employee prior to Closing, (ii) target cash bonus opportunities that are no less favorable than the target cash bonus opportunities that are generally made available to similarly situated employees of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries and (iii) employee benefits that, in the aggregate, are substantially the same as those that are generally made available to similarly situated employees of Purchaser and its Subsidiaries. Any employee of the Company and its Subsidiaries who is terminated by the Company without cause at the Purchaser's request on the Closing Date or by Purchaser without cause within six (6) months following the Closing Date, or who voluntarily resigns employment due to involuntary relocation of employee's principal place of employment to a location which is more than twenty-five (25) miles from the employees principal place of employment immediately prior to the Closing Date, shall be entitled to severance in accordance with the schedule set forth on Section 6.6(a) of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the requirements of this Section 6.6(a) shall not apply to any Company employee who has or is party to, or enters into, any employment agreement, severance agreement, change in control agreement or is party to any other agreement or arrangement that provides a CIC Payment (whether such agreement or arrangement is with Company or Purchaser).

- With respect to any employee benefit plans of the Surviving Corporation or its Subsidiaries in which any Continuing Employees become eligible to participate on or after the Effective Time (the "New Plans"), the Surviving Corporation shall use commercially reasonable efforts to: (i) waive all pre-existing conditions, exclusions and waiting periods with respect to participation and coverage requirements applicable to such employees and their eligible dependents under any New Plans, except to the extent such pre-existing conditions, exclusions or waiting periods would apply under the analogous Company Benefit Plan, (ii) provide each such employee and his or her eligible dependents with credit for any eligible expenses incurred by such employee or dependent prior to the Effective Time under a Company Benefit Plan (to the same extent that such credit was given under the analogous Company Benefit Plan prior to the Effective Time) in satisfying any applicable deductible, co-payment or out-of-pocket requirements under any New Plans, and (iii) recognize all service of such employees with the Company and its Subsidiaries for all purposes in any New Plan to the same extent that such service was taken into account under the analogous Company Benefit Plan prior to the Effective Time; provided, that the foregoing service recognition shall not apply (A) to the extent it would result in duplication of benefits for the same period of services, (B) for benefit accrual purposes under any employee benefit plan of Purchaser or any of its affiliates that is a defined benefit pension or post-retirement welfare plan or (C) where such service is with respect to a newly established benefit plan of Purchaser for which similarly situated employees of Purchaser do not receive past service credit.
- (c) If Purchaser so requests (which request shall be made not less than fifteen (15) days, or sixty (60) days with respect to a requested termination of participation in the Pentegra Defined Contribution Plan for Financial Institutions, prior to the Effective Time),

the Company shall take any and all actions, to the extent permitted by law and the terms of the applicable plan, required (including without limitation, the adoption of resolutions by its Board of Directors) to amend, freeze and/or terminate, or withdraw as a participating employer in, any or all Company Benefit Plans or Multiple Employer Plans (including, without limitation, the Pentegra Defined Contribution Plan for Financial Institutions) immediately prior to the Effective Time (as permitted by the terms of the applicable Company Benefit Plan), and, if requested by Purchaser, to implement any such actions, in all cases contingent on the Closing occurring.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing Section 6.6(c) hereof, prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall take any and all actions and adopt such necessary resolutions, reasonably acceptable to Purchaser, to (i) terminate Company Bank's supplemental executive benefits plans listed in Section 6.6(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, and make distributions to participants therein, in compliance with section 409A of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and (ii) terminate the Company 401(k) Plan effective as of the date immediately preceding the Closing Date and adopt such amendments to such Company 401(k) Plan as are necessary to terminate the Company 401(k) Plan and effectuate the provisions of this Section 6.6(d), each contingent on the Closing occurring. In addition to the foregoing, prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall take any and all actions as may be required, including adopting amendments to the Company 401(k) Plan to permit each participant in the Company 401(k) Plan who has a loan outstanding at the Effective Time to make arrangements to continue to repay such loan in accordance with the original amortization schedule until such time as the participant's 401(k) account balance is distributed. The form and substance of all such resolutions and amendments shall be subject to the review and approval of Purchaser, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and Company shall deliver to Purchaser an executed copy of the resolutions and amendment as soon as practicable following their adoption by the Board of Directors of Company and shall fully comply with such resolutions and amendments. In connection with the termination of the Company 401(k) Plan and the Merger, the Company shall, or shall cause its applicable affiliate to, provide that (a) all Company 401(k) Plan participant accounts shall be fully vested, (b) all benefit accruals under the Company 401(k) Plan will be frozen and no new participants will be admitted to the Company 401(k) Plan on or after the Company 401(k) Plan termination date, and (c) any contributions due to the Company 401(k) Plan for the period before the Company 401(k) Plan termination date and not yet paid by the Company 401(k) Plan termination date will be contributed by the Company as soon as administratively feasible after the Company 401(k) Plan termination date. Prior to the distribution of account balances in the Company 401(k) Plan, Purchaser shall take any and all actions as may be required, including adopting amendments to the tax-qualified defined contribution retirement plan designated by Purchaser to permit each Continuing Employee to make rollover contributions of "eligible rollover distributions" (within the meaning of Section 401(a)(31) of the Code, including of outstanding plan loans) at the time of such distribution from the Company 401(k) Plan in the form of cash, notes (in the case of loans) or a combination thereof, in an amount equal to the full account balance distributed to such Continuing Employee from the Company 401(k) Plan.

- Nothing in this Agreement shall confer upon any employee, officer, director or consultant of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or affiliates any right to continue in the employ or service of the Surviving Corporation, the Company, or any Subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or shall interfere with or restrict in any way the rights of the Surviving Corporation, the Company, Purchaser or any Subsidiary or affiliate thereof to discharge or terminate the services of any employee, officer, director or consultant of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or affiliates at any time for any reason whatsoever, with or without cause. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to (i) establish, amend, or modify any Company Benefit Plan, New Plan or any other benefit or employment plan, program, agreement or arrangement, or (ii) alter or limit the ability of the Surviving Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries or affiliates to amend, modify or terminate any particular Company Benefit Plan, New Plan or any other benefit or employment plan, program, agreement or arrangement after the Effective Time. Without limiting the generality of Section 9.10, nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any person, including any current or former employee, officer, director or consultant of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or affiliates, any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.
- Any Company employee who has or is party to any employment agreement, severance agreement, change in control agreement or any other agreement or arrangement that provides for any payment that may be triggered by the Merger or the Bank Merger (each, a "CIC Payment") shall not receive any severance benefits as provided in Section 6.6(a) but will, unless otherwise agreed by the applicable employee, receive his or her applicable CIC Payment to the extent it is required to be paid under such agreement, provided that, on or before the Closing, Company will take all steps necessary to ensure that in the event that the amounts of any CIC Payment, either individually or in conjunction with a payment or benefit under any other plan, agreement or arrangement that is aggregated for purposes of Code Section 280G (in the aggregate, "Total Payments"), would constitute an "excess parachute payment" within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code that is subject to the Tax imposed by Section 4999 of such Code, then the amounts of such CIC Payment shall be reduced such that the value of the Total Payments that each counterparty is entitled to receive shall be \$1.00 less than the maximum amount which the counterparty may receive without becoming subject to the excise tax or resulting in a disallowance of a deduction of the payment of such amount under Section 280G of the Code. Any Company employee who waives and relinquishes his or her right to a CIC Payment will be eligible for a severance payment as provided in Section 6.6(a) (as long as such severance payment does not constitute an excess parachute payment to such Company employee), unless such employee enters into an employment agreement, severance agreement, change in control agreement or any written similar agreement or arrangement with the Surviving Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Surviving Corporation.
- (g) Notwithstanding any other provisions, unless otherwise agreed to by the applicable employee, the Surviving Corporation agrees to assume and honor in accordance with their terms all employment or change in control agreements or equity award agreements, vested as of the Closing Date under the Company Benefit Plans; provided, Purchaser may replace such Company Benefit Plans with a similar benefit plan of Purchaser. Purchaser hereby acknowledges that a "change in control" (or similar phrase)

within the meaning of the Company Benefit Plans will occur at the Effective Time. With respect to certain employees, each of whom is named on Section 6.6(g) of the Company Disclosure Schedules, who are party to employment and/or change in control agreements with Company and/or Company Bank that contain change in control benefits, Company shall, prior to the Effective Time, use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain from each individual a settlement agreement upon terms mutually agreeable to Company, Purchaser and such employee, setting forth the method in which his or her rights under such agreement will be settled.

(h) As soon as reasonably practicable following the date of this Agreement, Company and Purchaser shall cooperate and use their commercially reasonable efforts to establish an aggregate retention bonus amount and identify key employees of Company or Purchaser who will be offered a retention bonus prior to the Effective Time upon such terms and conditions as the chief executive officers of Purchaser and Company shall mutually agree.

## 6.7 Indemnification; Directors' and Officers' Insurance.

- From and after the Effective Time, each of Purchaser and the Surviving Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless each present and former director, officer or employee of Company and its Subsidiaries (in each case, when acting in such capacity) (collectively, the "Company Indemnified Parties") against any costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, losses, damages or liabilities incurred in connection with any threatened or actual claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, whether arising before or after the Effective Time, arising out of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer or employee of Company or any of its Subsidiaries and pertaining to matters existing or occurring at or prior to the Effective Time, including the transactions contemplated by this Agreement to the same extent as such persons are indemnified as of the date of this Agreement by Company pursuant to the Company Articles, Company Bylaws, the governing or organizational documents of any Subsidiary of Company and any indemnification agreements in existence as of the date hereof; and Purchaser and the Surviving Corporation shall also advance expenses as incurred by such Company Indemnified Party to the same extent as such persons are entitled to advancement of expenses as of the date of this Agreement by Company pursuant to the Company Articles, Company's Bylaws, the governing or organizational documents of any Subsidiary of Company and any indemnification agreements in existence as of the date hereof; provided, that, if required, the Company Indemnified Party to whom expenses are advanced provides an undertaking to repay such advances if it is ultimately determined that such Company Indemnified Party is not entitled to indemnification.
- (b) For a period of six (6) years after the Effective Time, the Surviving Corporation shall cause to be maintained in effect the current policies of directors' and officers' liability insurance maintained by Company (provided, that the Surviving Corporation may substitute therefor policies with a substantially comparable insurer of at least the same coverage and amounts containing terms and conditions which are no less advantageous to the insured) with respect to claims against the present and former officers

and directors of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries arising from facts or events which occurred at or before the Effective Time (including the transactions contemplated by this Agreement); provided, however, that the Surviving Corporation shall not be obligated to expend, on an annual basis, an amount in excess of 200% of the current annual premium paid as of the date hereof by Company for such insurance (the "Premium Cap"), and if such premiums for such insurance would at any time exceed the Premium Cap, then the Surviving Corporation shall cause to be maintained policies of insurance which, in the Surviving Corporation's good faith determination, provide the maximum coverage available at an annual premium equal to the Premium Cap. In lieu of the foregoing, Company, in consultation with, but only upon the consent of Purchaser, may (and at the request of Purchaser, Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to) obtain at or prior to the Effective Time a six-year "tail" policy under Company's existing directors and officers insurance policy providing equivalent coverage to that described in the preceding sentence if and to the extent that the same may be obtained for an amount that, in the aggregate, does not exceed the Premium Cap. If Company purchases such a "tail" policy, the Surviving Corporation shall maintain such "tail" policy in full force and effect and continue to honor its obligations thereunder for such six (6) year period.

- (c) The provisions of this Section 6.7 shall survive the Effective Time and are intended to be for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, each Company Indemnified Party and his or her heirs and representatives. If the Surviving Corporation or any of its successors or assigns will consolidate with or merge into any other entity and not be the continuing or surviving entity of such consolidation or merger, transfer all or substantially all of its assets or deposits to any other entity or engage in any similar transaction, then in each case, the Surviving Corporation will cause proper provision to be made so that the successors and assigns of the Surviving Corporation will expressly assume the obligations set forth in this Section 6.7.
- 6.8 Additional Agreements. In case at any time after the Effective Time any further action is necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Agreement (including, without limitation, any merger between a Subsidiary of Purchaser, on the one hand, and a Subsidiary of Company, on the other) or to vest the Surviving Corporation with full title to all properties, assets, rights, approvals, immunities and franchises of any of the parties to the Merger, the proper officers and directors of each party to this Agreement and their respective Subsidiaries shall take all such necessary action as may be reasonably requested by the other party.
- 6.9 Advice of Changes. Purchaser and Company shall each promptly (but in any event within 24 hours) advise the other party of any change or event (i) that has had or is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on it or (ii) which it believes would or would be reasonably likely to cause or constitute a material breach of any of its representations, warranties or covenants contained herein or that reasonably could be expected to give rise, individually or in the aggregate, to the failure of a condition in Article VII; provided, that any failure to give notice in accordance with the foregoing with respect to any breach shall not be deemed to constitute a violation of this Section 6.9 or the failure of any condition set forth in Section 7.2 or 7.3 to be satisfied, or otherwise constitute a breach of this Agreement by the party failing to give such notice, in each case unless the underlying breach would independently result in a failure of the conditions set forth in Section 7.2 or 7.3 to be satisfied.

## 6.10 Pre-Closing Dividends.

- (a) After the date of this Agreement, each of Purchaser and Company shall coordinate with the other regarding declaration of any dividends in respect of Purchaser Common Stock and Company Common Stock and the record dates and payment dates relating thereto, it being the intention of the parties hereto that holders of Company Common Stock shall not receive two dividends (excluding for this purpose, the Pre-Closing Dividend), or fail to receive one dividend, in any quarter with respect to their shares of Company Common Stock and any shares of Purchaser Common Stock any such holder receives in exchange therefor in the Merger.
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 6.10(a), prior to Closing, Company shall, subject to receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, declare a special dividend on Company Common Stock in the form of a dividend of the voting common stock and non-voting common stock of Dogwood State Bank, a North Carolina state-chartered bank, held by Company (the "Pre-Closing Dividend"). Prior to the declaration of the Pre-Closing Dividend, Company shall exercise all warrants, if any, it holds to acquire common stock (whether voting or non-voting common stock) of Dogwood State Bank such that the Pre-Closing Dividend includes all common shares of Dogwood State Bank which Company holds or has the right to acquire. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Company may, in its discretion, sell its entire interest in Dogwood State Bank (after exercise of any warrants to acquire common stock of Dogwood State Bank) and declare a dividend of the net proceeds from such sale to the holders of Company Common Stock in lieu of distributing the shares of Dogwood State Bank common stock (which sale and payment of dividend of the resulting proceeds shall still be referred to herein as the Pre-Closing Dividend). Prior to declaration and payment of the Pre-Closing Dividend, Company shall obtain, at its sole cost and expense, all necessary approvals required by any Regulatory Agency in order to permit Company to declare and distribute the Pre-Closing Dividend, and Company shall use its best efforts to obtain such approvals as soon as practical after the date of this Agreement and, in any event, prior to the Effective Time. The Pre-Closing Dividend shall be distributed prior to the Effective Time unless otherwise agreed by Purchaser. For the avoidance of doubt, holders of Company Restricted Stock Awards are entitled to participate in the Pre-Closing Dividend with respect to each such share of Company Common Stock underlying such Company Restricted Stock Awards. At Purchaser's option, Company shall amend Company Restricted Stock Awards to allow for the Pre-Closing Dividend to be distributed to holders of unvested Company Restricted Stock Awards or, instead, the portion of the Pre-Closing Dividend attributable to unvested Company Restricted Stock Awards will not be distributed until after the vesting of such Company Restricted Stock Award at the Effective Time.
- (c) Prior to Closing, and in light of the extraordinary nature of the Pre-Closing Dividend, Company may (acting through its Board of Directors or the applicable committee), subject to and contingent on payment of the Pre-Closing Dividend, make the Extraordinary Event Adjustments with respect to the Company Stock Options; provided that, any adjustment to the exercise price and/or the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to the Company Stock Option shall be made in a manner consistent with any applicable requirements of Section 409A of the Code, and, in the case of Company Stock Options that are intended to qualify as incentive stock options within the meaning of

Section 422 of the Code, consistent with the requirements of Section 424(a) of the Code. Prior to taking any definitive action to effect the Extraordinary Event Adjustments, Company shall consult with Purchaser and consider in good faith any comments from Purchaser about the Extraordinary Event Adjustments.

6.11 Stockholder Litigation. Each party shall give the other party prompt notice of any stockholder litigation against such party or its directors or officers relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and shall give the other party the opportunity to participate (at such other's party's expense) in the defense or settlement of any such litigation. Each party shall give the other the right to review and comment on all filings or responses to be made by such party in connection with any such litigation and will in good faith take such comments into account. No party shall agree to settle any such litigation without the other party's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed; provided, that the other party shall not be obligated to consent to any settlement which does not include a full release of such other party and its affiliates or which imposes an injunction or other equitable relief after the Effective Time upon the Surviving Corporation or any of its affiliates; and, provided, further, that a party's consent shall not be deemed to be unreasonably withheld if the party withholding the consent is being asked to contribute a monetary amount towards the settlement.

# 6.12 Acquisition Proposals.

Company agrees that it will not, and will cause its Subsidiaries and its and directors, agents, advisors and representatives (collectively, "Representatives") not to, directly or indirectly, (i) initiate, solicit, knowingly encourage or knowingly facilitate inquiries or proposals with respect to, (ii) engage or participate in any negotiations with any person concerning, or (iii) provide any confidential or nonpublic information or data to, or have or participate in any discussions with, any person relating to, any Acquisition Proposal, except to notify such person of the existence of the provisions of this Section 6.12(a); provided, that, prior to the approval of this Agreement by the shareholders of Company by the Requisite Company Vote, in the event Company receives an unsolicited bona fide written Acquisition Proposal, it may, and may permit its Subsidiaries and its and its Subsidiaries' Representatives to, furnish or cause to be furnished nonpublic information or data and participate in such negotiations or discussions to the extent that its Board of Directors concludes in good faith (after receiving the advice of its outside counsel, and with respect to financial matters, its financial advisors) that failure to take such actions would be reasonably likely to result in a violation of its fiduciary duties under applicable law; provided, further, that, prior to providing any nonpublic information permitted to be provided pursuant to the foregoing proviso, Company shall have entered into a confidentiality agreement with such third party on terms no less favorable to it than the Confidentiality Agreement and which is expressly assignable to Purchaser, which confidentiality agreement shall not provide such person with any exclusive right to negotiate with Company. Company will, and will cause its Representatives to, immediately cease and cause to be terminated any activities, discussions or negotiations conducted before the date of this Agreement with any person other than Purchaser with respect to any Acquisition Proposal. Company will promptly (within forty-eight (48) hours) advise Purchaser following receipt of any Acquisition Proposal or any inquiry which could reasonably be expected to lead to an Acquisition Proposal, and the substance thereof (including the terms and conditions of and the identity of the person making such inquiry or Acquisition Proposal and a copy thereof if in writing and any related documentation or correspondence), and will keep Purchaser apprised of any related developments, discussions and negotiations on a current basis, including any amendments to or revisions of the terms of such inquiry or Acquisition Proposal. Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to enforce any existing confidentiality or standstill agreements to which it or any of its Subsidiaries is a party in accordance with the terms thereof. As used in this Agreement, "Acquisition Proposal" shall mean, other than the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, any offer, proposal or inquiry relating to, or any third party indication of interest in, (i) any acquisition or purchase, direct or indirect, of 25% or more of the consolidated assets of Company and its Subsidiaries or 25% or more of any class of equity or voting securities of Company or its Subsidiaries whose assets, individually or in the aggregate, constitute more than 25% of the consolidated assets of Company, (ii) any tender offer (including a self-tender offer) or exchange offer that, if consummated, would result in such third party beneficially owning 25% or more of any class of equity or voting securities of Company or its Subsidiaries whose assets, individually or in the aggregate, constitute more than 25% of the consolidated assets of Company, or (iii) a merger, consolidation, share exchange, business combination, reorganization, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution or other similar transaction involving Company or its Subsidiaries whose assets, individually or in the aggregate, constitute more than 25% of the consolidated assets of Company.

- (b) Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prevent Company or its board of directors from making any legally required disclosure to its shareholders.
- 6.13 Public Announcements. Company and Purchaser shall each use its reasonable best efforts to develop a joint communications plan, to ensure that all press releases and other public statements with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby shall be consistent with such joint communications plan, and except in respect of any announcement required by applicable law, or by obligations pursuant to any listing agreement with or rules of any securities exchange, to consult with each other before issuing any press release or, to the extent practical, otherwise making any public statement with respect to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. The parties hereto agree that any initial press release to be issued with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby shall be in mutually agreed form.
- 6.14 <u>Change of Method</u>. Company and Purchaser shall be empowered, upon their mutual agreement, at any time prior to the Effective Time, to change the method or structure of effecting the combination of Company and Purchaser (including the provisions of Article I), if and to the extent they both deem such change to be necessary, appropriate or desirable; provided, however, that no such change shall (i) alter or change the Exchange Ratio or the number of shares of Purchaser Common Stock received by Company shareholders in exchange for each share of Company Common Stock, (ii) adversely affect the Tax treatment of Company's shareholders or Purchaser's shareholders pursuant to this Agreement, (iii) adversely affect the Tax treatment of Company or Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement or (iv) materially impede or delay the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in a timely manner. The parties agree to reflect any such change in an appropriate amendment to this Agreement executed by both parties in accordance with Section 8.3.

- 6.15 Restructuring Efforts. If either Purchaser or Company shall have failed to obtain the Requisite Purchaser Vote or the Requisite Company Vote at the duly convened Purchaser Meeting or Company Meeting, as applicable, or any adjournment or postponement thereof, each of the parties shall in good faith use its reasonable best efforts to negotiate a restructuring of the transaction provided for herein (it being understood that neither party shall have any obligation to alter or change any material terms, including without limitation the amount or kind of the consideration to be issued to holders of the capital stock of Company as provided for in this Agreement, in a manner adverse to such party or its shareholders) and/or resubmit this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby (or as restructured pursuant to this Section 6.15) to Purchaser or Company shareholders, as applicable, for approval.
- 6.16 Takeover Statutes. None of Company, Purchaser or their respective Boards of Directors shall take any action that would cause any Takeover Statute to become applicable to this Agreement, the Merger, or any of the other transactions contemplated hereby, and each shall take all necessary steps to exempt (or ensure the continued exemption of) the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby from any applicable Takeover Statute now or hereafter in effect. If any Takeover Statute may become, or may purport to be, applicable to the transactions contemplated hereby, each party and the members of their respective Boards of Directors will grant such approvals and take such actions as are necessary so that the transactions contemplated by this Agreement may be consummated as promptly as practicable on the terms contemplated hereby and otherwise act to eliminate or minimize the effects of any Takeover Statute on any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including, if necessary, challenging the validity or applicability of any such Takeover Statute.
- Exemption from Liability Under Section 16(b). Company and Purchaser agree that, in order to most effectively compensate and retain Company Insiders (as defined below), both prior to and after the Effective Time, it is desirable that those officers and directors of Company subject to, or become subject to, the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act (the "Company Insiders"), not be subject to a risk of liability under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law in connection with the conversion of shares of Company Common Stock and Company Equity Awards in the Merger, and for that compensatory and retentive purpose agree to the provisions of this Section 6.17. The Board of Directors of Purchaser and of Company, or a committee of non-employee directors thereof (as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 16b-3(d) under the Exchange Act), shall, prior to the Effective Time, take all such steps as may be required to cause (in the case of Company) any dispositions of Company Common Stock or Company Equity Awards by the Company Insiders, and (in the case of Purchaser) any acquisitions of Purchaser Common Stock by any Company Insiders who, immediately following the Merger, will be officers or directors of the Surviving Corporation subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, in each case pursuant to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, to be exempt from liability pursuant to Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

#### 6.18 Reserved.

6.19 <u>Assumption of Company Debt</u>. Upon the Effective Time (or at the effective time of the Bank Merger for any debt of Company Bank), Purchaser or Purchaser Bank, as applicable, shall assume the due and punctual performance and observance of the covenants and other

obligations to be performed by Company or Company Bank, as applicable, under the definitive documents governing the indebtedness and other instruments related thereto set forth on Section 6.19 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, including the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest thereon, to the extent required and permitted thereby. In connection therewith, (i) Purchaser shall, and shall cause Purchaser Bank to, cooperate and use reasonable best efforts to execute and deliver any supplemental indentures, if applicable, and (ii) Company shall, and shall cause Company Bank to, cooperate and use reasonable best efforts to execute and deliver any supplemental indentures, officer's certificates or other documents and provide any opinions of counsel to the trustee thereof, in each case, required to make such assumption effective as of the Effective Time or the effective time of the Bank Merger, as applicable.

- 6.20 <u>Bank Merger</u>. Prior to the Effective Time, Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to cooperate with Purchaser, including by causing Company Bank to execute, if requested by Purchaser, such certificates or articles of merger and such other documents and certificates as are necessary, to effect, immediately following the Effective Time, the Bank Merger pursuant to the Bank Merger Agreement.
  - 6.21 Reserved.
  - 6.22 Reserved.
- 6.23 Employment Agreements. Concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, Company agrees to cause each person set forth on Section 6.23 of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule to execute and deliver an employment agreement with Purchaser or an affiliate thereof, in a form reasonably satisfactory to Purchaser, which employment agreements shall each be effective upon the Closing and shall not have been revoked or otherwise terminated.
- 6.24. Adjusted Tangible Common Equity Determination. On or before the twentieth (20th) day of each calendar month between the date of this Agreement and the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity Determination Date, Company will prepare and deliver to Purchaser its goodfaith determination of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity (each an "Interim Calculation" and, collectively, the "Interim Calculations"), together with reasonable support therefor; provided, however, that for the purposes of the Interim Calculations only, the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity Determination Date shall be last day of the month immediately preceding the month in which such Interim Calculation is delivered. Company shall afford Purchaser and its representatives the opportunity to review all work papers and documentation used by Company and its accountants in preparing each Interim Calculation. Within three (3) business days following the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity Determination Date, Company will prepare and deliver to Purchaser its good-faith determination of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity (the "Final Calculation"), together with reasonable support therefor. Company shall afford Purchaser and its representatives the opportunity to review all work papers and documentation used by Company and its accountants in preparing the Final Calculation. The calculation of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity (whether in any Interim Calculations or the Final Calculation) shall be consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the methodology and example set forth in Section 6.24 of the Company Disclosure Schedule. If Company and Purchaser agree on the amount of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity set forth in the Final Calculation (or if Purchaser

fails to notify Company of its Objection within the Objection Period), such amount will be final and conclusive (provided, however, for the avoidance of doubt, the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity in any Interim Calculation shall not be final and conclusive for purposes of the Final Calculation or the final determination of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity). If Purchaser disagrees with Company's calculation of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity in the Final Calculation, Purchaser shall notify Company in writing of its disagreement (an "Objection") within three (3) business days of Purchaser's receipt of Company's calculation (such period, the "Objection Period"). If Company and Purchaser are unable to reconcile their differences in writing within five (5) days of delivery of an Objection, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties, the items in dispute will be submitted to a mutually acceptable independent national accounting firm in the United States for final determination (acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator), and the calculations will be deemed adjusted in accordance with the determination of the independent accounting firm and will become binding, final and conclusive upon all of the parties hereto (provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity in any Interim Calculation shall not be determinative of the final Adjusted Tangible Common Equity). The independent accounting firm will consider only the items in dispute and will be instructed to act within five (5) business days (or such longer period as Company and Purchaser may agree) to resolve all items in dispute. The independent accounting firm's calculation (a) must be made in accordance with the standards and definitions in this Agreement, and (b) with respect to each item in dispute, shall not be in excess of the higher, nor less than the lower, of the amounts advocated by Purchaser in the Objection or by Company in its calculation of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity. Company and Purchaser will share equally the payment of reasonable fees and expenses of the independent accounting firm. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Closing is delayed until a subsequent month solely because the Final Calculation of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity shall not have become final and binding under the provisions of this Section 6.24 due to a pending Objection, the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity Determination Date shall not be adjusted. For purposes of this Section 6.24, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Adjusted Tangible Common Equity" shall mean the total shareholders' common equity of Company as of the close of business on the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity Determination Date, determined in accordance with GAAP consistently applied; provided, however, that (a) the calculation of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity shall include the impact or expected impact of the Pre-Closing Dividend, regardless of whether the Pre-Closing Dividend is declared or paid before or after the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity Determination Date; (b) the after-Tax dollar amount, if any, that Company Bank would have to provision, as of the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity Determination Date, in order for its allowance for credit losses to be not less than 1.93% of gross loans held for investment, shall be subtracted from Company's total shareholders' common equity, and (c) the following shall be excluded from the calculation of total shareholders' common equity: (i) Intangible Assets, (ii) any change in other accumulated and comprehensive income or loss following December 31, 2023, (iii) any change in the carrying value of loan servicing rights following December 31, 2023, (iv) any change in the carrying value of Company's equity interest in VeriLeaf, Inc. (a/k/a Risk Scout) following December 31, 2023, (v) the after-tax amount of the Transaction Expenses, (vi) any loss realized on the sale of any credit listed on Section 1.4(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule, provided that such credit is sold for greater than the Credit Mark Adjusted Balance (as set forth in Section 1.4(d) of the Company Disclosure Schedule) and

- (vii) the value attributable to any common stock of Dogwood State Bank that, for any reason, continues to be held by, or is expected to continue to be held by, Company at the Effective Time.
- "Adjusted Tangible Common Equity Determination Date" shall mean the last day of the month immediately preceding the month in which the Closing is expected to occur.

"Intangible Assets" shall mean any asset of the Company that is considered an intangible asset under GAAP, including goodwill, determined in accordance with GAAP consistently applied with prior audited financial statements (provided, however, that Intangible Assets shall not include loan servicing rights).

"<u>Transaction Expenses</u>" shall mean all amounts accrued, paid, to be paid or reasonably expected to be paid by Company or its Subsidiaries that arise out of or in connection with the execution of this Agreement and the performance and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

## ARTICLE VII CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

- 7.1 <u>Conditions to Each Party's Obligation to Effect the Merger</u>. The respective obligations of the parties to effect the Merger shall be subject to the satisfaction (or in the case of Section 7.1(g), satisfaction or wavier by Purchaser and Company) at or prior to the Effective Time of the following conditions:
  - (a) <u>Shareholder Approval</u>. (i) This Agreement shall have been approved by the shareholders of Company by the Requisite Company Vote and (ii) this Agreement shall have been approved by the shareholders of Purchaser by the Requisite Purchaser Vote.
  - (b) <u>NASDAQ Listing</u>. The shares of Purchaser Common Stock that shall be issuable pursuant to this Agreement shall have been authorized for listing on NASDAQ, subject to official notice of issuance.
  - (c) <u>Regulatory Approvals</u>. All Requisite Regulatory Approvals shall have been obtained and shall remain in full force and effect and all statutory waiting periods in respect thereof shall have expired, and no such Requisite Regulatory Approval shall have resulted in the imposition of any Materially Burdensome Regulatory Condition.
  - (d) <u>S-4</u>. The S-4 shall have become effective under the Securities Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the S-4 shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the SEC and not withdrawn.
  - (e) <u>No Injunctions or Restraints; Illegality.</u> No order, injunction or decree issued by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction or other legal restraint or prohibition preventing the consummation of the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be in effect. No statute, rule, regulation, order,

injunction or decree shall have been enacted, entered, promulgated or enforced by any Governmental Entity which prohibits or makes illegal consummation of the Merger.

- (f) <u>Final Calculation of Adjusted Tangible Common Equity</u>. The Final Calculation of the Adjusted Tangible Common Equity shall have become final and binding under the provisions of Section 6.24 of this Agreement.
- (g) <u>Minimum Per Share Cash Consideration</u>. The Per Share Cash Consideration payable pursuant to Section 1.4(a)(ii) shall not be less than \$1.00, after accounting for any reduction pursuant to Section 1.4(d).
- 7.2 <u>Conditions to Obligations of Purchaser</u>. The obligation of Purchaser to effect the Merger is also subject to the satisfaction, or waiver by Purchaser, at or prior to the Effective Time, of the following conditions:
  - Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of Company set forth in Section 3.2(a) and Section 3.8(a) (in each case after giving effect to the lead in to Article III) shall be true and correct (other than, in the case of Section 3.2(a), such failures to be true and correct as are de minimis) in each case as of the date of this Agreement and (except to the extent such representations and warranties speak as of an earlier date) as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date, and the representations and warranties of Company set forth in Sections 3.1(a), 3.1(b), 3.2(b), 3.3(a) and 3.7 (in each case, after giving effect to the lead in to Article III) shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the date of this Agreement and (except to the extent such representations and warranties speak as of an earlier date) as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date. All other representations and warranties of Company set forth in this Agreement (read without giving effect to any qualification as to materiality or Material Adverse Effect set forth in such representations or warranties but, in each case, after giving effect to the lead in to Article III) shall be true and correct in all respects as of the date of this Agreement and (except to the extent such representations and warranties speak as of an earlier date) as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date; provided, however, that for purposes of this sentence, such representations and warranties shall be deemed to be true and correct unless the failure or failures of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct, either individually or in the aggregate, and without giving effect to any qualification as to materiality or Material Adverse Effect set forth in such representations or warranties, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company or the Surviving Corporation. Purchaser shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of Company by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of Company to the foregoing effect.
  - (b) <u>Performance of Obligations of Company</u>. Company shall have performed in all material respects the obligations required to be performed by it under this Agreement at or prior to the Closing Date, and Purchaser shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of Company by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of Company to such effect.

- (c) Federal Tax Opinion. Purchaser shall have received the opinion of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Purchaser, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect that, on the basis of facts, representations and assumptions set forth or referred to in such opinion, the Merger shall qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. In rendering such opinion, counsel may require and rely upon representations contained in certificates of officers of Purchaser and Company, reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to such counsel.
- (d) <u>Employment Agreements</u>. Each person listed on Section 6.23 of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule shall have executed and delivered prior to or concurrent with execution of this Agreement, an employment agreement in a form reasonably satisfactory to Purchaser, which employment agreements shall each be effective upon the Closing and shall not have been breached, revoked or otherwise terminated.
- (e) <u>Appraisal Rights</u>. Immediately prior to the Closing, not more than ten (10%) of Company Common Stock shall be held by persons who either have exercised, or are then entitled to exercise, appraisal rights under the NCBCA.
- (f) <u>Pre-Closing Dividend</u>. Company shall have declared and distributed the Pre-Closing Dividend and such Pre-Closing Dividend shall include all shares of common stock of Dogwood State Bank that Company has the right to acquire, whether by exercise of warrants or otherwise.
- (g) <u>Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since the date hereof, there shall not have occurred any fact, circumstance or event, individually or taken together with all other facts, circumstances or events that has had or is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Company.
- 7.3 <u>Conditions to Obligations of Company</u>. The obligation of Company to effect the Merger is also subject to the satisfaction or waiver by Company at or prior to the Effective Time of the following conditions:
  - (a) Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of Purchaser set forth in Section 4.2(a), the last sentence of 4.3(a) and Section 4.8 (in each case, after giving effect to the lead in to Article IV) shall be true and correct (other than, in the case of Section 4.2(a), such failures to be true and correct as are de minimis) in each case as of the date of this Agreement and (except to the extent such representations and warranties speak as of an earlier date) as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date, and the representations and warranties of Purchaser set forth in Sections 4.1(a), 4.1(b), 4.2(b), 4.3(a) (other than the last sentence of Section 4.3(a)) and 4.7 (in each case, after giving effect to the lead in to Article IV) shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the date of this Agreement and (except to the extent such representations and warranties speak as of an earlier date) as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date. All other representations and warranties of Purchaser set forth in this Agreement (read without giving effect to any qualification as to materiality or Material Adverse Effect set forth in such representations or warranties but, in each case,

after giving effect to the lead in to Article IV) shall be true and correct in all respects as of the date of this Agreement and (except to the extent such representations and warranties speak as of an earlier date) as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of the Closing Date, provided, however, that for purposes of this sentence, such representations and warranties shall be deemed to be true and correct unless the failure or failures of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct, either individually or in the aggregate, and without giving effect to any qualification as to materiality or Material Adverse Effect set forth in such representations or warranties, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser or the Surviving Corporation. Company shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of Purchaser by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of Purchaser to the foregoing effect.

- (b) <u>Performance of Obligations of Purchaser</u>. Purchaser shall have performed in all material respects the obligations required to be performed by it under this Agreement at or prior to the Closing Date, and Company shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of Purchaser by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of Purchaser to such effect.
- (c) Federal Tax Opinion. Company shall have received the opinion of Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Company, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect that, on the basis of facts, representations and assumptions set forth or referred to in such opinion, the Merger shall qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. In rendering such opinion, counsel may require and rely upon representations contained in certificates of officers of Purchaser and Company, reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to such counsel.
- (d) <u>Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since the date hereof, there shall not have occurred any fact, circumstance or event, individually or taken together with all other facts, circumstances or events that has had or is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect on Purchaser.
- (e) <u>Pre-Closing Dividend</u>. Company shall have received all necessary approvals from the Regulatory Agencies to permit it to declare, pay and distribute the Pre-Closing Dividend.

# ARTICLE VIII TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

- 8.1 <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Effective Time, whether before or after approval of this Agreement by the shareholders of Purchaser or Company:
  - (a) by mutual consent of Purchaser and Company in a written instrument signed by each of Company and Purchaser;
  - (b) by either Purchaser or Company if any Governmental Entity that must grant a Requisite Regulatory Approval has denied approval of the Merger or the other

transactions contemplated hereby and such denial has become final and nonappealable or any Governmental Entity of competent jurisdiction shall have issued a final nonappealable order permanently enjoining or otherwise prohibiting or making illegal the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, unless the failure to obtain a Requisite Regulatory Approval shall be due to the failure of the party seeking to terminate this Agreement to perform or observe the covenants and agreements of such party set forth herein:

- (c) by either Purchaser or Company if the Merger shall not have been consummated on or before June 27, 2025 (the "<u>Termination Date</u>"), unless the failure of the Closing to occur by such date shall be due to the failure of the party seeking to terminate this Agreement to perform or observe the covenants and agreements of such party set forth herein;
- (d) by either Purchaser or Company (provided, that the terminating party is not then in material breach of any representation, warranty, covenant or other agreement contained herein) if there shall have been a breach of any of the covenants or agreements or any of the representations or warranties (or any such representation or warranty shall cease to be true) set forth in this Agreement on the part of Company, in the case of a termination by Purchaser, or Purchaser, in the case of a termination by Company, which breach or failure to be true, either individually or in the aggregate with all other breaches by such party (or failures of such representations or warranties to be true), would constitute, if occurring or continuing on the Closing Date, the failure of a condition set forth in Section 7.2, in the case of a termination by Purchaser, or 7.3, in the case of a termination by Company, and which is not cured within forty-five (45) calendar days following written notice to Company, in the case of a termination by Purchaser, or Purchaser, in the case of a termination by Company, or by its nature or timing cannot be cured during such period (or such fewer days as remain prior to the Termination Date);
- by Purchaser, if prior to such time as the Requisite Company Vote is obtained, (i) the Company or the Board of Directors of the Company (A) submits this Agreement to its shareholders without a recommendation for approval, or otherwise withdraws, qualifies or materially and adversely modifies (or publicly discloses its intention to withdraw, qualify or materially and adversely modify) its recommendation as contemplated by Section 6.3, or approves or recommends to its shareholders an Acquisition Proposal other than the Merger, (B) fails to publicly recommend against a publicly announced Acquisition Proposal within five (5) business days of being requested to do so by Purchaser or fails to publicly reconfirm the recommendation as contemplated by Section 6.3 in favor of the Merger within five (5) business days of being requested to do so by Purchaser or (C) shall have breached its obligations under Section 6.3 or Section 6.12 in any material respect; or (ii) a tender offer or exchange offer for 25% or more of the outstanding shares of Company Common Stock is commenced (other than by Purchaser or a Subsidiary thereof), and the Board of Directors of the Company recommends that the shareholders of the Company tender their shares in such tender or exchange offer or otherwise fails to recommend that such shareholders reject such tender offer or exchange offer within ten (10) business days (or such fewer number of days as remains prior to the Company Meeting) after the commencement of such tender or exchange offer; or

- (f) by Company, if prior to such time as the Requisite Purchaser Vote is obtained, the Purchaser or the Board of Directors of the Purchaser (A) submits this Agreement to its shareholders without a recommendation for approval, or otherwise withdraws or materially and adversely modifies (or publicly discloses its intention to withdraw or materially and adversely modify) its recommendation as contemplated by Section 6.3, or (B) shall have breached its obligations under Section 6.3 in any material respect;
- (g) (A) by Purchaser, or by Company provided that Company shall not be in material breach of any of its obligations under Section 6.3, if the Requisite Company Vote shall not have been obtained by reason of the failure to obtain the Requisite Company Vote at the Company Meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof or (B) by Company, or by Purchaser provided that Purchaser shall not be in material breach of any of its obligations under Section 6.3, if the Requisite Purchaser Vote shall not have been obtained by reason of the failure to obtain the Requisite Purchaser Vote at the Purchaser Meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof; or
- (h) by Company, if the Company Board of Directors so determines by a vote of the majority of the members of the entire Company board, at any time during the five-day period commencing with the Determination Date (the "Company Election Period"), if both of the following conditions in (i) and (ii) are satisfied:
  - (i) the Purchaser Market Value is less than 82.5% of the Initial Purchaser Market Value; and
  - (ii) the number obtained by dividing the Purchaser Market Value by the Initial Purchaser Market Value ("<u>Purchaser Ratio</u>") shall be less than the number obtained by dividing the Final Index Price by the Initial Index Price and subtracting 0.175 from such quotient (the "<u>Index Ratio</u>").
  - (iii) For purposes of this Section 8.1(h), the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
    - (A) "Determination Date" shall mean the latter of (1) the date on which the last Requisite Bank Regulatory Approval required to permit the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement is received without regard to a requisite waiting period or (2) the date by which each of the Requisite Company Vote and Requisite Purchaser Vote have been obtained. "Requisite Bank Regulatory Approval" shall mean all regulatory authorizations, consents, waivers, non-objections, orders or approvals from the Federal Reserve Board, the OCC, the MOFR and the IDFPR necessary to consummate the Merger and the Bank Merger.
    - (B) "<u>Final Index Price</u>" shall mean the average of the Index Prices for the 20 consecutive full trading days ending on the trading day prior to the Determination Date.

- (C) "Index Group" shall mean the NASDAQ Bank Index (BANK).
- (D) "Index Price" shall mean the closing price on such date of the Index Group.
- (E) "<u>Initial Index Price</u>" shall mean the average of the Index Prices for the 20 consecutive full trading days ending on the Starting Date.
- (F) "<u>Initial Purchaser Market Value</u>" shall mean the average of the per share closing prices of a share of Purchaser Common Stock on NASDAQ (as reported in The Wall Street Journal, or if not reported therein, in another authoritative source) during the twenty (20) consecutive full trading days ending on the Starting Date.
- (G) "<u>Purchaser Market Value</u>" means the average of the per share closing prices of a share of Purchaser Common Stock on NASDAQ (as reported in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, or if not reported therein, in another authoritative source) during the 20 consecutive full trading days ending on the trading day prior to the Determination Date.
- (H) "Starting Date" shall mean the last trading day immediately preceding the date of the first public announcement of entry into this Agreement.
- (iv) For purposes of this Section 8.1(h), if Purchaser or any company belonging to the Index Group declares or effects a stock dividend, reclassification, recapitalization, split-up, combination, exchange of shares or similar transaction between the Starting Date and the Determination Date, the prices for the common stock of such company shall be appropriately adjusted for the purposes of applying this Section 8.1(h).

If Company elects to exercise its termination right pursuant to this Section 8.1(h), it shall give written notice to Purchaser (the "Notice of Termination"). The parties intend to provide the Company Board of Directors with a full five-day period to make its election to terminate under this Section 8.1(h). Accordingly, if Company is not notified on the Determination Date that the last Requisite Bank Regulatory Approval has been obtained (assuming, for this purpose, that the last Requisite Bank Regulatory Approval is received after the date that the Requisite Company Vote is obtained), the Company Election Period shall commence on the date Company receives notice that the last Requisite Bank Regulatory Approval has been obtained, notwithstanding that such date may be after the Determination Date. This Agreement shall terminate at the end of the fifth (5th) day following the date the Notice of Termination was received by Purchaser (the "Termination Effective Time"); provided, however, that Company's Notice of Termination may be withdrawn by Company at any time prior to the Termination Effective Time; and provided, further, that during the five-day period commencing with its receipt of the Notice of Termination, Purchaser shall have the option (but not the obligation) to increase the consideration to be received by the holders of Company Common Stock hereunder, by, at Purchaser's option, (x) increasing

the Exchange Ratio (the "Adjusted Exchange Ratio") (calculated to the nearest one one-thousandth) to equal the lesser of (1) a number (rounded to the nearest one one-thousandth) obtained by dividing (I) the product of the Initial Purchaser Market Value, 0.825 and the Exchange Ratio (as then in effect) by (II) the Purchaser Market Value; and (2) a number (rounded to the nearest one one-thousandth) obtained by dividing (I) the product of the Index Ratio and the Exchange Ratio (as then in effect) by (II) the Purchaser Ratio; or (y) filling the difference between the Adjusted Exchange Ratio and the Exchange Ratio in cash by multiplying the Purchaser Market Value by the difference in the Adjusted Exchange Ratio and the Exchange Ratio (the "Additional Cash Payment"); provided, however, that, in no event, shall Purchaser, in exercising its rights under this Section 8.1(h), issue an amount of Purchaser Common Stock that would require Purchaser to obtain approval of its shareholders pursuant to NASDAQ Listing Rule 5635 unless and until Purchaser obtains such shareholder approval.

If Purchaser so elects within such five-day period, it shall give prompt written notice to Company (and in any event, prior to the Termination Effective Time) of such election and the revised Exchange Ratio or, as applicable, the Additional Cash Payment, whereupon no termination shall have occurred pursuant to this Section 8.1(h) and this Agreement shall remain in effect in accordance with its terms (provided that, any references in this Agreement to the Exchange Ratio shall thereafter be deemed to refer to the Adjusted Exchange Ratio, if applicable, and the Merger Consideration payable under Section 1.4 shall thereafter include, to the extent applicable, the Additional Cash Payment).

The party desiring to terminate this Agreement pursuant to clause (b), through (g) of this Section 8.1 shall give written notice of such termination to the other party in accordance with Section 9.4, specifying the provision or provisions hereof pursuant to which such termination is effected.

## 8.2 Effect of Termination.

(a) In the event of termination of this Agreement by either Purchaser or Company as provided in Section 8.1, this Agreement shall forthwith become void and have no effect, and none of Purchaser, Company, any of their respective Subsidiaries or any of the officers, directors, employees, shareholders, agents or representatives of any of them shall have any liability of any nature whatsoever hereunder, or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, except that (i) Sections 6.2(b) and this Section 8.2 and Article IX (other than Section 9.1) shall survive any termination of this Agreement, and (ii) notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, neither Purchaser nor Company shall be relieved or released from any liabilities or damages arising out of its fraud or willful and material breach of any provision of this Agreement.

(b)

(i) In the event that after the date of this Agreement and prior to the termination of this Agreement, a bona fide Acquisition Proposal shall have been made known to the Board of Directors or senior management of Company or has been made directly to its shareholders generally or any person shall have publicly announced (and not withdrawn) an Acquisition Proposal with respect to Company

- and (A) (x) thereafter this Agreement is terminated by either Purchaser or Company pursuant to Section 8.1(c) and Company shall have failed to obtain the Requisite Company Vote or (y) thereafter this Agreement is terminated by Purchaser pursuant to Section 8.1(d) or Section 8.1(g)(A) and (B) prior to the date that is twelve (12) months after the date of such termination, Company enters into a definitive agreement or consummates a transaction with respect to an Acquisition Proposal (whether or not the same Acquisition Proposal as that referred to above), then Company shall, on the earlier of the date it enters into such definitive agreement and the date of consummation of such transaction, pay Purchaser, by wire transfer of same day funds, a fee equal to \$3,000,000 (the "Termination Fee"); provided, that for purposes of this Section 8.2(b), all references in the definition of Acquisition Proposal to "25%" shall instead refer to "50%".
- (ii) In the event that this Agreement is terminated by Purchaser pursuant to Section 8.1(e), then Company shall pay Purchaser, by wire transfer of same day funds, the Termination Fee on the date of termination.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, but without limiting the right of any party to recover liabilities or damages arising out of the other party's willful and material breach of any provision of this Agreement, in the event that this Agreement is terminated as provided in Section 8.1, the maximum aggregate amount of monetary fees, liabilities or damages payable by Company under this Agreement shall be equal to the Termination Fee.
- (d) Each of Purchaser and Company acknowledges that the agreements contained in this Section 8.2 are an integral part of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and that, without these agreements, the other party would not enter into this Agreement; accordingly, if Company fails promptly to pay the amount due pursuant to this Section 8.2, and, in order to obtain such payment, Purchaser commences a suit which results in a judgment against Company for the Termination Fee, Company shall pay the costs and expenses of Purchaser (including attorneys' fees and expenses) in connection with such suit. In addition, if Company fails to pay the amounts payable pursuant to this Section 8.2, then Company shall pay interest on such overdue amounts at a rate per annum equal to the "prime rate" published in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL on the date on which such payment was required to be made for the period commencing as of the date that such overdue amount was originally required to be paid and ending on the date that such overdue amount is actually paid in full. The amounts payable by the Company pursuant to Section 8.2(b) constitute liquidated damages and not a penalty.
- 8.3 Amendment. Subject to compliance with applicable law, this Agreement may be amended by the parties hereto, by action taken or authorized by their respective Boards of Directors, at any time before or after approval of the matters presented in connection with Merger by the shareholders of Purchaser or Company; provided, however, that after approval of this Agreement by the respective shareholders of Company or Purchaser, there may not be, without further approval of such shareholders, any amendment of this Agreement that requires further approval under applicable law. This Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each of the parties hereto.

## 8.4 Extension; Waiver.

At any time prior to the Effective Time, the parties hereto, by action taken or authorized by their respective Boards of Directors, may, to the extent legally allowed, extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the other parties hereto, waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties contained herein or in any document delivered pursuant hereto, and waive compliance with any of the agreements or satisfaction of any conditions contained herein; provided, however, that after approval of this Agreement by the shareholders of Purchaser or Company, there may not be, without further approval of the shareholders of Purchaser or Company, as applicable, any extension or waiver of this Agreement or any portion thereof that requires further approval under applicable law. Any agreement on the part of a party hereto to any such extension or waiver shall be valid only if set forth in a written instrument signed on behalf of such party, but such extension or waiver or failure to insist on strict compliance with an obligation, covenant, agreement or condition shall not operate as a waiver of, or estoppel with respect to, any subsequent or other failure.

# ARTICLE IX GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 9.1 <u>Closing</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the closing of the Merger (the "<u>Closing</u>") will take place by electronic exchange of documents, on a date which shall be no later than three (3) business days after the satisfaction or waiver (subject to applicable law) of the latest to occur of the conditions set forth in Article VII hereof (other than those conditions that by their nature can only be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver thereof), or such other date or time mutually agreed in writing by the parties; provided, however, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Closing shall occur on or after the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month in which Closing is to occur (the date on which the Closing occurs, the "<u>Closing Date</u>").
- 9.2 <u>Nonsurvival of Representations, Warranties and Agreements</u>. None of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements in this Agreement or in any instrument delivered pursuant to this Agreement (other than the Confidentiality Agreement, which shall survive in accordance with its terms) shall survive the Effective Time, except for Sections 6.6 and 6.7 and for those other covenants and agreements contained herein and therein which by their terms apply in whole or in part after the Effective Time.
- 9.3 <u>Expenses</u>. All costs and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be paid by the party incurring such expense; provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that the costs and expenses of printing and mailing the Proxy Statement/Prospectus to the Company's shareholders in connection with the Merger shall be borne by Company and included as part of the Transaction Expenses.
- 9.4 <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (a) on the date of delivery if delivered personally, or if by facsimile, upon confirmation of receipt, or if by email so long as such email states it is a notice delivered pursuant to this Section 9.4 and a duplicate copy of such email is promptly given by one of the other methods described in this Section 9.4, (b) on the first business day following the date of dispatch if delivered utilizing a next-day service by a recognized next-day courier or (c) on the

earlier of confirmed receipt or the fifth (5th) business day following the date of mailing if delivered by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. All notices hereunder shall be delivered to the addresses set forth below, or pursuant to such other instructions as may be designated in writing by the party to receive such notice:

(a) if to Company, to:

Integrated Financial Holdings, Inc. 8450 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 202 Raleigh, NC 27615 Attention: Marc McConnell

With a required copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP 4101 Lake Boone Trail Suite 300 Raleigh, NC 27607 Attention: Stuart M. Rigot; Todd H. Eveson

and

(b) if to Purchaser, to:

Capital Bancorp, Inc. One Church Street Rockville, MD 20850 Attention: Edward F. Barry

With a required copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP 201 E. Fourth St., Suite 1900 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Attention: James J. Barresi

9.5 <u>Interpretation</u>. The parties have participated jointly in negotiating and drafting this Agreement. In the event that an ambiguity or a question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement. When a reference is made in this Agreement to Articles, Sections, Exhibits or Schedules, such reference shall be to an Article or Section of or Exhibit or Schedule to this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. The table of contents and headings or section captions contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. Whenever the words "include," "includes" or "including" are used in this Agreement, they shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without

limitation." References to "the date hereof" shall mean the date of this Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the "knowledge" of Company means the actual knowledge after due inquiry of any of the officers of Company listed on Section 9.5 of the Company Disclosure Schedule, and the "knowledge" of Purchaser means the actual knowledge after due inquiry of any of the officers of Purchaser listed on Section 9.5 of the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule. As used herein, (i) "business day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banks in Maryland are authorized by law or executive order to be closed, (ii) the term "person" means any individual, corporation (including not-for-profit), general or limited partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, estate, trust, association, organization, Governmental Entity or other entity of any kind or nature, (iii) an "affiliate" of a specified person is any person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified person, (iv) the term "made available" means any document or other information that was (a) provided by one party or its representatives to the other party and its representatives prior to the date hereof, (b) included in the virtual data room of a party prior to the date hereof or (c) filed by a party with the SEC or OTC Markets and publicly available on EDGAR or other applicable system for OTC Markets filings prior to the date hereof and (v) the "transactions contemplated hereby" and "transactions contemplated by this Agreement" shall include the Merger and the Bank Merger. The Company Disclosure Schedule and the Purchaser Disclosure Schedule, as well as all other schedules and all exhibits hereto, shall be deemed part of this Agreement and included in any reference to this Agreement. All references to "dollars" or "\$" in this Agreement are to United States dollars. Any reference contained in this Agreement to specific statutory or regulatory provisions or to specific Governmental Entities includes any successor statute or regulation, or Governmental Entity, as the case may be. When used in this Agreement, words such as "herein", "hereinafter", "hereof", "hereto", and "hereunder" refer to this Agreement as a whole, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the masculine, feminine, and neuter genders will be deemed to be interchangeable. The definitions of terms defined in this Agreement shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined.

- 9.6 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties, it being understood that all parties need not sign the same counterpart.
- 9.7 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement (including the Purchaser Disclosure Schedules, the Company Disclosure Schedules and the documents and the instruments referred to herein) together with the Confidentiality Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

## 9.8 Governing Law; Jurisdiction.

- (a) This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to any applicable conflicts of law (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction).
- (b) Each party agrees that it will bring any action or proceeding in respect of any claim arising under or related to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated

hereby exclusively in Delaware Court of Chancery and any state appellate court therefrom within the State of Delaware, or, if the Delaware Court of Chancery declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any federal or state court of competent jurisdiction located in the State of Delaware (the "Chosen Courts"), and, solely in connection with claims arising under or related to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, (i) irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Chosen Courts, (ii) waives any objection to laying venue in any such action or proceeding in the Chosen Courts, (iii) waives any objection that the Chosen Courts are an inconvenient forum or do not have jurisdiction over any party and (iv) agrees that service of process upon such party in any such action or proceeding will be effective if notice is given in accordance with Section 9.4.

- Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY WHICH MAY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISE UNDER OR RELATE TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE EACH SUCH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AT THE TIME OF INSTITUTION OF THE APPLICABLE LITIGATION, ANY RIGHT SUCH PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT. EACH PARTY CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT: (I) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER. (II) EACH PARTY UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER, (III) EACH PARTY MAKES THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY, AND (IV) EACH PARTY HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 9.9.
- Assignment; Third Party Beneficiaries. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations shall be assigned by any of the parties hereto (whether by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the other party. Any purported assignment in contravention hereof shall be null and void. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Except as otherwise specifically provided in Section 6.7, this Agreement (including the documents and instruments referred to herein) is not intended to confer upon any person other than the parties hereto any rights or remedies hereunder, including the right to rely upon the representations and warranties set forth herein. The representations and warranties in this Agreement are the product of negotiations among the parties hereto and are for the sole benefit of the parties. Any inaccuracies in such representations and warranties are subject to waiver by the parties hereto in accordance herewith without notice or liability to any other person. In some instances, the representations and warranties in this Agreement may represent an allocation among the parties hereto of risks associated with particular matters regardless of the knowledge of any of the parties hereto. Consequently, persons other than the parties may not rely upon the representations and warranties in this Agreement as characterizations of actual facts or circumstances as of the date of this Agreement or as of any other date.

- 9.11 Specific Performance. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur if any provision of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with its specific terms or otherwise were breached. Accordingly, the parties shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms hereof, including an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement or to enforce specifically the performance of the terms and provisions hereof (including the parties' obligation to consummate the Merger), in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity. Each of the parties hereby further waives (a) any defense in any action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate and (b) any requirement under any law to post security or a bond as a prerequisite to obtaining equitable relief.
- 9.12 <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision or portion of any provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision or portion of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any applicable law or rule in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision or portion of any provision in such jurisdiction, and this Agreement shall be reformed, construed and enforced in such jurisdiction such that the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision or portion thereof shall be interpreted to be only so broad as is enforceable.
- 9.13 Confidential Supervisory Information. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, no party shall be required to make any disclosure, furnish access to, or make available any information (whether pursuant to a representation, warranty, covenant or otherwise) that would involve the disclosure of confidential supervisory information (including confidential supervisory information as defined in 12 C.F.R. § 261.2(b) and as identified in 12 C.F.R. § 309.5(g)(8) and 12 C.F.R. § 4.32(b)) of a Governmental Entity or Regulatory Agency by any party to this Agreement to the extent prohibited by applicable law. To the extent legally permissible, appropriate substitute disclosures or actions shall be made or taken under circumstances in which the limitations of the preceding sentence apply.
- 9.14 <u>Delivery by Facsimile or Electronic Transmission</u>. This Agreement and any signed agreement or instrument entered into in connection with this Agreement, and any amendments or waivers hereto or thereto, to the extent signed and delivered by means of a facsimile machine or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file, shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original agreement or instrument and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. No party hereto or to any such agreement or instrument shall raise the use of a facsimile machine or e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file to deliver a signature to this Agreement or any amendment hereto or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of a facsimile machine or e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file as a defense to the formation of a contract and each party hereto forever waives any such defense.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Capital Bancorp, Inc. and Integrated Financial Holdings, Inc. have caused this Agreement and Plan of Reorganization and Merger to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized as of the date first above written.

## CAPITAL BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Edward F. Barry

Name: Edward F. Barry Title: Chief Executive Officer

## INTEGRATED FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Marc McConnell

Name: Marc McConnell

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

#### Exhibit A

## Form of Voting Agreement

#### VOTING AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT

THIS VOTING AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of March 27, 2024, by and among Capital Bancorp, Inc., a Maryland corporation ("<u>Purchaser</u>"), and the undersigned shareholders (each a "<u>Shareholder</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Shareholders</u>") of Integrated Financial Holdings, Inc., a North Carolina corporation ("<u>Company</u>").

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, Purchaser and Company are entering into an Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization of even date herewith (as it may be amended from time to time, the "Merger Agreement"), pursuant to which, among other things, (i) Company will merge with and into Purchaser (the "Merger") and (ii) except as otherwise provided in the Merger Agreement, each outstanding share of the (i) voting common stock of Company (the "Voting Common Stock"), and (ii) non-voting common stock of Company (the "Non-Voting Common Stock" and, together with the Voting Common Stock, the "Company Common Stock") will be converted into the right to receive the consideration set forth in the Merger Agreement;

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, each Shareholder is the beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) of such number of shares of Company Common Stock and options to purchase such number of shares of Company Common Stock as is indicated on the signature page of this Agreement;

WHEREAS, as a condition and inducement to Purchaser and Company to enter into the Merger Agreement, the Shareholders (in the Shareholders' capacity as such) are hereby agreeing to vote the Shares as described herein and to take such other actions as provided for herein.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained herein, and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Certain Definitions</u>. All capitalized terms that are used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Merger Agreement. For all purposes of and under this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:
- a. "Expiration Date" shall mean the earliest to occur of (i) such date and time as the Merger Agreement shall have been terminated pursuant to Article VIII thereof, (ii) such date and time as the Merger shall become effective in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Merger Agreement, or (iii) the date of any material modification, waiver or amendment of the Merger Agreement that affects adversely the consideration payable to the shareholders of Company pursuant to the Merger Agreement as provided to the Shareholder on the date hereof.

- b. "Shares" shall mean (i) all securities of Company (including all shares of Company Common Stock, including restricted stock, and, to the extent transferable by their terms, all options, warrants and other rights to acquire shares of Company Common Stock) owned by the Shareholders as of the date hereof, and (ii) all additional securities of Company (including all additional shares of Company Common Stock and, to the extent transferable by their terms, all additional options, warrants and other rights to acquire shares of Company Common Stock) of which the Shareholders acquire ownership during the period from the date of this Agreement through the Expiration Date (including by way of stock dividend or distribution, split-up, recapitalization, combination, exchange of shares and the like).
- c. "<u>Transfer</u>." A person shall be deemed to have effected a "<u>Transfer</u>" of a Share if such person directly or indirectly (i) sells, pledges, encumbers, assigns, grants an option with respect to, transfers or disposes of such Share or any interest in such Share, or (ii) enters into an agreement or commitment providing for the sale of, pledge of, encumbrance of, assignment of, grant of an option with respect to, transfer of or disposition of such Share or any interest therein.
- Transfer of Shares. Except as expressly permitted by this Agreement, until the Expiration Date, no Shareholder shall directly or indirectly: (i) cause or permit any Transfer of any of the Shares of which such Shareholder is the beneficial owner (x) unless each person to which any of such Shares, or any interest in any of such Shares, is or may be transferred shall have: (A) executed a counterpart of this Agreement and (B) agreed in writing to hold such Shares (or interest in such Shares) subject to all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, or (y) except by will or by operation of law, in which case this Agreement will bind the transferee; (ii) grant any proxies or powers of attorney, other than consistent with the terms of Section 3, or deposit any Shares into a voting trust or enter into a voting agreement with respect to any Shares; or (iii) take any action that would make any representation or warranty of such Shareholder contained herein untrue or incorrect or have the effect of preventing or disabling such Shareholder from performing any of such Shareholder's obligations under this Agreement. Subject to any such Shares acquired upon exercise being subject to this Agreement (other than Shares accepted by Company as payment for the exercise price of Company Stock Options or for withholding taxes incurred in connection with the exercise of Company Stock Options), nothing herein is intended to prohibit any Shareholder from exercising any outstanding and exercisable Company Stock Option, consistent with the terms of the underlying award agreement and applicable law.

## Agreement to Vote Shares.

- a. Until the Expiration Date, each Shareholder agrees that, at every meeting of the shareholders of Company called, and at every adjournment or postponement thereof, and on every action or approval by written consent of the shareholders of Company, such Shareholder (solely in such Shareholder's capacity as such) shall, or shall cause the holder of record on any applicable record date to, vote the Shares for which it is entitled to vote at such meeting or by such written consent:
- (i) in favor of the adoption of the Merger Agreement, and in favor of each of the other actions contemplated by the Merger Agreement;

- (ii) against approval of any proposal made in opposition to, or in competition with, the Merger or any other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement; and
- (iii) against any of the following actions (other than those actions that relate to the Merger and any other transactions between the Purchaser and the Company as contemplated by the Merger Agreement): (A) any merger, consolidation, business combination, sale of assets, or reorganization of Company or any subsidiary of Company, (B) any sale, lease or transfer of any significant part of the assets of Company or any subsidiary of Company, (C) any reorganization, recapitalization, dissolution, liquidation or winding up of Company or any subsidiary of Company, (D) any material change in the capitalization of Company or any subsidiary of Company, or the corporate structure of Company or any subsidiary of Company, or (E) any other action that is intended, or could reasonably be expected to, impede, interfere with, delay, postpone, discourage or adversely affect the Merger or any other transactions between the Purchaser and the Company as contemplated by the Merger Agreement.
- b. In the event that a meeting of the shareholders of Company is held, each Shareholder shall, or shall cause the holder of record of the Shares on any applicable record date to, appear at such meeting or otherwise cause the Shares to be counted as present thereat for purposes of establishing a quorum.
- c. No Shareholder shall enter into any agreement or understanding with any person to vote or give instructions in any manner inconsistent with the terms of this <u>Section 3</u>.
- d. Except as expressly set forth in this <u>Section 3</u>, each Shareholder shall retain at all times the right to vote such Shareholder's Shares in such Shareholder's sole discretion and without any other limitation on matters that are at any time or from time to time presented for consideration to Company's shareholders.
- 4. <u>Agreement Not to Exercise Appraisal Rights</u>. Until the Expiration Date, each Shareholder hereby waives and agrees not to exercise or assert any rights (including, without limitation, under Chapter 55 of the North Carolina Business Corporation Act, Article 13) to demand payment for any Shares that may arise with respect to the Merger.

## 5. Grant of Irrevocable Proxy; Appointment of Proxy.

a. SHAREHOLDER HEREBY GRANTS TO, AND APPOINTS, PURCHASER AND ANY DESIGNEE OF PURCHASER, EACH OF THEM INDIVIDUALLY, AS SUCH SHAREHOLDER'S IRREVOCABLE (UNTIL THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT) PROXY AND ATTORNEY-IN-FACT (WITH FULL POWER OF SUBSTITUTION) TO VOTE THE SHARES (OR ACT BY WRITTEN CONSENT) SOLELY AS INDICATED IN <u>SECTION 3</u>. THIS PROXY IS GIVEN TO SECURE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF SHAREHOLDER UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. SHAREHOLDER INTENDS THIS PROXY TO BE IRREVOCABLE (UNTIL THE TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT) AND COUPLED WITH AN INTEREST AND WILL TAKE SUCH FURTHER ACTION OR EXECUTE SUCH OTHER INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE INTENT OF THIS PROXY AND HEREBY

REVOKES ANY PROXY PREVIOUSLY GRANTED BY SUCH SHAREHOLDER WITH RESPECT TO THE SHARES (SUCH SHAREHOLDER REPRESENTING TO PURCHASER THAT ANY SUCH PROXY IS NOT IRREVOCABLE). NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, EACH SHAREHOLDER GRANT OF THE PROXY CONTEMPLATED BY THIS SECTION 5 WITH RESPECT TO VOTING COMMON STOCK SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IF, AND ONLY IF, SUCH SHAREHOLDER HAS NOT DELIVERED TO COMPANY PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH ANY OF THE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 3 ARE TO BE CONSIDERED, A DULY EXECUTED, NON-REVOKED PROXY CARD DIRECTING THAT THE SHARES OF SUCH SHAREHOLDER BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THIS AGREEMENT.

- b. The proxy granted in this <u>Section 5</u> shall automatically expire on the Expiration Date.
- 6. <u>Directors and Officers</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, none of the Shareholders make any agreement pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise in such Shareholder's capacity as a director or officer of Company and nothing in this Agreement shall (or require the Shareholders to attempt to) (a) limit or restrict any Shareholder who is a director or officer of Company or any subsidiary of Company from acting in such capacity as a director or officer or voting in such person's sole discretion in such capacity as a director or officer on any matter (it being understood that this Agreement shall apply to each Shareholder solely in such Shareholder's capacity as a shareholder of Company), or (b) be construed to prohibit, limit or restrict such Shareholder from exercising such Shareholder's fiduciary duties as an officer or director to Company or its shareholders.
- 7. <u>No Ownership Interest</u>. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to vest in Purchaser any direct or indirect ownership or incidence of ownership of or with respect to any Shares. All rights, ownership and economic benefits of and relating to the Shares shall remain vested in and belong to the Shareholders, and Purchaser shall not have any authority to direct the Shareholders in the voting of any of the Shares, except as otherwise provided herein.
- 8. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Shareholder.</u> Each Shareholder hereby represents and warrants to Purchaser as follows:
- a. <u>Power; Binding Agreement.</u> Such Shareholder has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform such Shareholder's obligations hereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution, delivery and performance by such Shareholder of this Agreement, the performance by such Shareholder of its, his or her obligations hereunder and the consummation by such Shareholder of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly and validly authorized by such Shareholder and no other actions or proceedings on the part of such Shareholder is necessary to authorize the execution and delivery by it, him or her of this Agreement, the performance by such Shareholder of its, his or her obligations hereunder or the consummation by such Shareholder of the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Shareholder and constitutes the valid and binding obligation of Shareholder, enforceable against such Shareholder in accordance with its terms.

- b. No Conflicts. Except as set forth in the Merger Agreement, no filing with, and no permit, authorization, consent, or approval of, any Governmental Entity is necessary for the execution by the Shareholder of this Agreement, the performance by the Shareholder of such Shareholder's obligations hereunder and the consummation by the Shareholder of this Agreement, the performance by the Shareholder of such Shareholder's obligations hereunder or the consummation by the Shareholder of the transactions contemplated hereby will (i) result in a violation or breach of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default (or give rise to any third party right of termination, cancellation, material modification or acceleration) under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, loan agreement, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, contract, commitment, arrangement, understanding, agreement, or other instrument or obligation of any kind to which such Shareholder is a party or by which the Shareholder or any of the Shareholder's properties or assets may be bound, or (ii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree, judgment, order, statute, rule, or regulation applicable to the Shareholder or any of the Shareholder's properties or assets.
- c. <u>Absence of Litigation</u>. As of the date hereof, there is no suit, action, investigation or proceeding pending or, to the knowledge of such Shareholder, threatened against or affecting the Shareholder that could reasonably be expected to materially impair the ability of the Shareholder to perform its, his or her obligations hereunder or to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby on a timely basis.
- d. Ownership of Shares. Shareholder (i) is the beneficial owner of, and has good and valid title to, the shares of Company Common Stock indicated on the signature page of this Agreement, all of which are free and clear of any Liens (except any Liens arising under securities laws or arising hereunder), (ii) is the owner of options that are exercisable for the number of shares of Company Common Stock indicated on the signature page of this Agreement, all of which options and shares of Company Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of such options are free and clear of any Liens (except any Liens arising under securities laws or arising hereunder), and (iii) does not own, beneficially or otherwise, any securities of Company other than the shares of Company Common Stock, options to purchase shares of Company Common Stock, and shares of Company Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of such options, in each case, indicated on the signature page of this Agreement.
- e. <u>Voting Power</u>. Except as noted on <u>Schedule I</u> attached hereto, such Shareholder has and will have sole voting power, sole power of disposition, sole power to issue instructions with respect to the matters set forth herein, and sole power to agree to all of the matters set forth in this Agreement, in each case with respect to all of such Shareholder's Shares, with no limitations, qualifications or restrictions on such rights, subject to applicable federal securities laws and the terms of this Agreement. There are no proxies, voting trusts or understandings to or by which such Shareholder is a party or bound or that expressly requires that any of such Shareholder's Shares be voted in a specific manner other than as provided in this Agreement or that provide for any right on the part of any other person other than Shareholder to vote such Shares. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, nothing herein shall require the Shareholder to exercise any option to purchase shares of Company Common Stock.

- f. <u>Information</u>. None of the information relating to the Shareholder provided in writing by or on behalf of the Shareholder for inclusion in documents filed by Purchaser with the Securities and Exchange Commission will, at the respective times such information is sent or given to Purchaser or Company, contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Shareholder agrees to promptly notify Purchaser of any required corrections with respect to any such information.
- g. <u>No Finder's Fees</u>. No broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other person is entitled to any broker's, finder's, financial adviser's or other similar fee or commission in connection with this Agreement based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of such Shareholder.
- h. <u>Reliance by Purchaser and Company.</u> Such Shareholder understands and acknowledges that Purchaser and Company are entering into the Merger Agreement in reliance upon the Shareholder's execution and delivery of this Agreement.
- 9. <u>Representations and Warranties of Purchaser</u>. Purchaser represents and warrants to the Shareholder as follows:
- a. <u>Power; Binding Agreement.</u> Purchaser has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and, except as set forth in the Merger Agreement, to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution, delivery and performance by Purchaser of this Agreement, the performance of its obligations hereunder and the consummation by Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly and validly authorized by Purchaser and no other actions or proceedings on its part is necessary to authorize the execution and delivery of this Agreement, or, except as set forth in the Merger Agreement, the performance of its obligations hereunder and the consummation by Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Purchaser and constitutes its valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.
- b. <u>No Conflicts</u>. Except as set forth in the Merger Agreement, no filing with, and no permit, authorization, consent, or approval of, any Governmental Entity is necessary for the execution by Purchaser of this Agreement, the performance by Purchaser of its obligations hereunder and the consummation by Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby. None of the execution and delivery by Purchaser of this Agreement, the performance of its obligations hereunder or the consummation by Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby will (i) result in a violation or breach of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default (or give rise to any third party right of termination, cancellation, material modification or acceleration) under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, loan agreement, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, contract, commitment, arrangement, understanding, agreement, or other instrument or obligation of any kind to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties or assets may be bound, or (ii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree, judgment, order, statute, rule, or regulation applicable to it or any of its properties or assets.

- 10. <u>Certain Restrictions</u>. No Shareholder shall, directly or indirectly, take any action that would make any representation or warranty of the Shareholder contained herein untrue or incorrect.
- 11. <u>Disclosure</u>. Each Shareholder hereby authorizes Purchaser to publish and disclose such Shareholder's identity, ownership of Shares and the nature of such Shareholder's commitments, arrangements and understandings under this Agreement in all documents and schedules filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any press release or other disclosure document that Purchaser determines to be necessary or desirable in connection with the Merger and any transactions related to the Merger.
- 12. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, each Shareholder shall use commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary to fulfill such Shareholder's obligations under this Agreement.
- 13. <u>Legending of Shares</u>. If so requested by Purchaser, each Shareholder agrees that the Shares shall bear a legend stating that they are subject to this Agreement.
- 14. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement shall terminate and shall have no further force or effect as of the Expiration Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing set forth in this <u>Section 14</u> or elsewhere in this Agreement shall relieve either party hereto from liability, or otherwise limit the liability of either party hereto, for any willful breach of this Agreement prior to the Expiration Date.
- 15. <u>Waiver of Right to Receive Non-Voting Common Stock of Purchaser</u>. Each Shareholder acknowledges and agrees that the Voting Common Stock and the Non-Voting Common Stock will be converted into the right to receive Purchaser Common Stock, as set forth in the Merger Agreement. Each Shareholder hereby waives and agrees not to exercise or assert any rights (including, without limitation, under the Company's Articles of Incorporation or the North Carolina Business Corporation Act) to receive non-voting common shares of Purchaser with respect to the Merger.

## 16. Miscellaneous.

- a. <u>Validity</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions of this Agreement, which will remain in full force and effect. In the event any Governmental Entity of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement to be null, void or unenforceable, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith and execute and deliver an amendment to this Agreement in order, as nearly as possible, to effectuate, to the extent permitted by law, the intent of the parties hereto with respect to such provision.
- b. <u>Binding Effect and Assignment</u>. This Agreement and all of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, but neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations of the parties hereto may be assigned by any of the parties without the prior written consent of the others.

- c. <u>Amendments; Waiver</u>. This Agreement may be amended by the parties hereto, and the terms and conditions hereof may be waived, only by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each of the parties hereto, or, in the case of a waiver, by an instrument signed on behalf of the party waiving compliance.
- d. <u>Specific Performance; Injunctive Relief.</u> The parties hereto acknowledge that Purchaser shall be irreparably harmed and that there shall be no adequate remedy at law for a violation of any of the covenants or agreements of the Shareholders set forth herein. Therefore, it is agreed that, in addition to any other remedies that may be available to Purchaser upon any such violation, Purchaser shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to specifically enforce the terms and provisions hereof. Shareholder further agrees that neither Purchaser nor any other person or entity shall be required to obtain, furnish or post any bond or similar instrument in connection with or as a condition to obtaining any remedy referred to in this paragraph, and Shareholder irrevocably waives any right it may have to require the obtaining, furnishing or posting of any such bond or similar instrument.
- e. <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and deemed to be sufficient if contained in a written instrument and shall be deemed given if delivered personally, telecopied, sent by nationally-recognized overnight courier or mailed by registered or certified mail (return receipt requested), postage prepaid, to the parties at the following address (or at such other address for a party as shall be specified by like notice):

## If to Purchaser:

Capital Bancorp, Inc. 2275 Research Boulevard, Suite 600 Rockville, MD 20850 Attn: Edward Barry Tel: 301-468-8848

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP 201 E. Fourth Street, Suite 1900 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Attn: James J. Barresi

Tel: 513-361-1260 Fax: 513-361-1201

If to the Shareholder:

To the respective addresses and fax numbers shown on the signature pages for each Shareholder.

f. No Waiver. The failure of any party hereto to exercise any right, power or remedy provided under this Agreement or otherwise available in respect of this Agreement at law or in equity, or to insist upon compliance by any other party with its obligation under this

Agreement, and any custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms of this Agreement, shall not constitute a waiver by such party of such party's right to exercise any such or other right, power or remedy or to demand such compliance.

- g. <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Except for the reliance acknowledged in Section 8(h) hereof, this Agreement is not intended to confer upon any person other than the parties hereto any rights or remedies hereunder.
- h. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to any applicable conflicts of law (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction).
- i. <u>Submission to Jurisdiction</u>. Each party agrees that it will bring any action or proceeding in respect of any claim arising under or related to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby exclusively in Delaware Court of Chancery and any state appellate court therefrom within the State of Delaware, or, if the Delaware Court of Chancery declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any federal or state court of competent jurisdiction located in the State of Delaware (the "<u>Chosen Courts</u>"), and, solely in connection with claims arising under or related to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, (1) irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Chosen Courts, (2) waives any objection to laying venue in any such action or proceeding in the Chosen Courts, (3) waives any objection that the Chosen Courts are an inconvenient forum or do not have jurisdiction over any party and (4) agrees that service of process upon such party in any such action or proceeding will be effective if notice is given in accordance with Section 16(e).
- j. <u>Rules of Construction</u>. The parties hereto agree that they have been represented by counsel during the negotiation and execution of this Agreement and, therefore, waive the application of any law, regulation, holding or rule of construction providing that ambiguities in an agreement or other document will be construed against the party drafting such agreement or document.
- k. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter hereof, and supersede all prior negotiations, agreements and understandings, both written and oral, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- l. <u>Severability</u>. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law, or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated herein are not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party hereto. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to give effect to the original intent of the parties hereto as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner.
- m. <u>Interpretation</u>. Whenever the words "include," "includes" or "including" are used in this Agreement they shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation."

The article and section headings contained in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of reference, are not part of the agreement of the parties hereto and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

- n. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- o. <u>Shareholder Obligations</u>. The obligations of the Shareholders under this Agreement shall be several and not joint.

[Remainder of Page Intentionally Left Blank] IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer to be effective as of the date first above written.

CAPITAL BANCORP, INC.

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Edward F. Barry Title: Chief Executive Officer

Ву:	
Address	
Shares	beneficially owned:
	beneficially owned: shares of Voting Common Stock, g shares of restricted stock

# SCHEDULE I

# **EXCEPTIONS**