

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2022

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission File No. 001-39090

**Provident Bancorp, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**84-4132422**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**5 Market Street, Amesbury, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**01913**  
Zip Code

**(978) 834-8555**  
(Registrant's telephone number)

N/A  
(Former name, former address, and former fiscal year if changed since last report)

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock	PVBC	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated Filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller Reporting Company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emerging Growth Company	<input type="checkbox"/>		

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES  NO

As of August 9, 2022, there were 17,718,522 shares of the Registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, outstanding.

**Provident Bancorp, Inc.**  
**Form 10-Q**

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**Part I. Financial Information**  
Item 1. Financial Statements

PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	At June 30, 2022 <u>(unaudited)</u>	At December 31, 2021 <u></u>
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 28,595	\$ 22,470
Short-term investments	126,209	130,645
Cash and cash equivalents	154,804	153,115
Debt securities available-for-sale (at fair value)	31,168	36,837
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	3,743	785
Loans held for sale	—	22,846
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$18,972 and \$19,496 as of June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively	1,514,245	1,433,803
Bank owned life insurance	43,083	42,569
Premises and equipment, net	13,890	14,258
Accrued interest receivable	5,765	5,703
Right-of-use assets	4,022	4,102
Other assets	17,305	15,265
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,788,025</b>	<b>\$ 1,729,283</b>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 675,411	\$ 626,587
Interest-bearing	764,461	833,308
Total deposits	1,439,872	1,459,895
Borrowings:		
Short-term borrowings	78,000	—
Long-term borrowings	13,500	13,500
Total borrowings	91,500	13,500
Operating lease liabilities	4,335	4,387
Other liabilities	12,409	17,719
Total liabilities	1,548,116	1,495,501
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock; authorized 50,000 shares: no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized; 17,718,522 and 17,854,649 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively	177	179
Additional paid-in capital	121,770	123,498
Retained earnings	127,890	118,087
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(1,656)	649
Unearned compensation - ESOP	(8,272)	(8,631)
Total shareholders' equity	239,909	233,782
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,788,025</b>	<b>\$ 1,729,283</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)</i>				
<b>Interest and dividend income:</b>				
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 18,558	\$ 15,298	\$ 36,770	\$ 30,995
Interest and dividends on debt securities available-for-sale	194	186	373	355
Interest on short-term investments	400	29	459	52
Total interest and dividend income	<u>19,152</u>	<u>15,513</u>	<u>37,602</u>	<u>31,402</u>
<b>Interest expense:</b>				
Interest on deposits	476	839	931	1,750
Interest on long-term borrowings	71	71	141	141
Total interest expense	<u>547</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>1,072</u>	<u>1,891</u>
<b>Net interest and dividend income</b>	<u>18,605</u>	<u>14,603</u>	<u>36,530</u>	<u>29,511</u>
<b>Provision for loan losses</b>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>1,669</u>	<u>1,088</u>	<u>2,422</u>
<b>Net interest and dividend income after provision for loan losses</b>	<u>17,600</u>	<u>12,934</u>	<u>35,442</u>	<u>27,089</u>
<b>Noninterest income:</b>				
Customer service fees on deposit accounts	619	433	1,200	812
Service charges and fees - other	452	438	828	788
Bank owned life insurance income	258	223	514	442
Gain on loans sold, net	187	—	284	9
Other income	36	9	46	70
Total noninterest income	<u>1,552</u>	<u>1,103</u>	<u>2,872</u>	<u>2,121</u>
<b>Noninterest expense:</b>				
Salaries and employee benefits	7,322	6,704	14,511	13,181
Occupancy expense	398	417	837	829
Equipment expense	143	127	281	249
Deposit insurance	154	111	305	217
Data processing	344	314	679	635
Marketing expense	70	81	197	118
Professional fees	709	469	1,437	900
Directors' compensation	267	261	521	515
Software depreciation and implementation	327	241	621	487
Write down of other assets and receivables	—	—	395	—
Insurance expense	448	38	895	72
Other	1,161	765	2,075	1,538
Total noninterest expense	<u>11,343</u>	<u>9,528</u>	<u>22,754</u>	<u>18,741</u>
<b>Income before income tax expense</b>	<u>7,809</u>	<u>4,509</u>	<u>15,560</u>	<u>10,469</u>
<b>Income tax expense</b>	<u>2,190</u>	<u>1,343</u>	<u>4,416</u>	<u>3,006</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>\$ 5,619</u>	<u>\$ 3,166</u>	<u>\$ 11,144</u>	<u>\$ 7,463</u>
<b>Earnings per share:</b>				
Basic	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.44
Diluted	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.43
<b>Weighted Average Shares:</b>				
Basic	16,460,248	16,778,698	16,488,941	17,019,889
Diluted	16,882,933	17,338,662	16,957,186	17,442,411

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PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
<i>(In thousands)</i>				
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 5,619	\$ 3,166	\$ 11,144	\$ 7,463
Other comprehensive income:				
Unrealized holding (losses) gains arising during the period on debt securities available-for-sale	(1,340)	160	(3,001)	(84)
Unrealized (loss) gain	(1,340)	160	(3,001)	(84)
Income tax effect	309	(34)	696	25
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	(1,031)	126	(2,305)	(59)
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<u>\$ 4,588</u>	<u>\$ 3,292</u>	<u>\$ 8,839</u>	<u>\$ 7,404</u>

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PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY  
(Unaudited)

	For the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021						
<i>(In thousands, except share data)</i>	Shares of Common Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Unearned Compensation ESOP	Total
<b>Balance, March 31, 2022</b>	17,796,542	\$ 178	\$ 122,504	\$ 122,939	\$ (625)	\$ (8,451)	\$ 236,545
Net income	—	—	—	5,619	—	—	5,619
Dividends declared (\$0.04 per share)	—	—	—	(668)	—	—	(668)
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(1,031)	—	(1,031)
Stock-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures	—	—	468	—	—	—	468
Restricted stock award grants, net of forfeitures	9,500	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repurchase of common stock	(85,205)	(1)	(1,336)	—	—	—	(1,337)
Shares surrendered related to tax withholdings on restricted stock awards	(2,315)	—	(36)	—	—	—	(36)
Stock options exercised, net	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
ESOP shares earned	—	—	170	—	—	179	349
<b>Balance, June 30, 2022</b>	<u>17,718,522</u>	<u>\$ 177</u>	<u>\$ 121,770</u>	<u>\$ 127,890</u>	<u>\$ (1,656)</u>	<u>\$ (8,272)</u>	<u>\$ 239,909</u>
<b>Balance, March 31, 2021</b>	18,574,127	\$ 186	\$ 133,981	\$ 108,273	\$ 873	\$ (9,171)	\$ 234,142
Net income	—	—	—	3,166	—	—	3,166
Dividends declared (\$0.03 per share)	—	—	—	(687)	—	—	(687)
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	126	—	126
Stock-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures	—	—	674	—	—	—	674
Restricted stock award grants, net of forfeitures	60,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repurchase of common stock	(395,884)	(4)	(6,179)	—	—	—	(6,183)
Stock options exercised, net	7,893	—	9	—	—	—	9
ESOP shares earned	—	—	181	—	—	180	361
<b>Balance, June 30, 2021</b>	<u>18,246,136</u>	<u>\$ 182</u>	<u>\$ 128,666</u>	<u>\$ 110,752</u>	<u>\$ 999</u>	<u>\$ (8,991)</u>	<u>\$ 231,608</u>

PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (continued)  
(Unaudited)

	For the six months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021						
<i>(In thousands, except share data)</i>	Shares of Common Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Unearned Compensation ESOP	Total
<b>Balance, December 31, 2021</b>	17,854,649	\$ 179	\$ 123,498	\$ 118,087	\$ 649	\$ (8,631)	\$ 233,782
Net income	—	—	—	11,144	—	—	11,144
Dividends declared (\$0.08 per share)	—	—	—	(1,341)	—	—	(1,341)
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(2,305)	—	(2,305)
Stock-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures	—	—	913	—	—	—	913
Restricted stock award grants, net of forfeitures	29,920	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repurchase of common stock	(180,434)	(2)	(2,858)	—	—	—	(2,860)
Shares surrendered related to tax withholdings on restricted stock awards	(2,517)	—	(40)	—	—	—	(40)
Stock options exercised, net	16,904	—	(116)	—	—	—	(116)
ESOP shares earned	—	—	373	—	—	359	732
<b>Balance, June 30, 2022</b>	<u>17,718,522</u>	<u>\$ 177</u>	<u>\$ 121,770</u>	<u>\$ 127,890</u>	<u>\$ (1,656)</u>	<u>\$ (8,272)</u>	<u>\$ 239,909</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2020</b>	19,047,544	\$ 191	\$ 139,450	\$ 104,508	\$ 1,058	\$ (9,351)	\$ 235,856
Net income	—	—	—	7,463	—	—	7,463
Dividends declared (\$0.06 per share)	—	—	—	(1,219)	—	—	(1,219)
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	(59)	—	(59)
Stock-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures	—	—	1,278	—	—	—	1,278
Restricted stock award grants, net of forfeitures	60,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repurchase of common stock	(869,099)	(9)	(12,356)	—	—	—	(12,365)
Shares surrendered related to tax withholdings on restricted stock awards	(202)	—	(2)	—	—	—	(2)
Stock options exercised, net	7,893	—	9	—	—	—	9
ESOP shares earned	—	—	287	—	—	360	647
<b>Balance, June 30, 2021</b>	<u>18,246,136</u>	<u>\$ 182</u>	<u>\$ 128,666</u>	<u>\$ 110,752</u>	<u>\$ 999</u>	<u>\$ (8,991)</u>	<u>\$ 231,608</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Unaudited)

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2022	2021
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 11,144	\$ 7,463
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization of securities premiums, net of accretion	102	91
ESOP expense	732	647
Change in deferred loan fees, net	(884)	1,071
Provision for loan losses	1,088	2,422
Depreciation and amortization	542	503
(Increase) Decrease in accrued interest receivable	(62)	550
Deferred tax expense (benefit)	1,247	(1,010)
Share-based compensation expense	913	1,278
Bank-owned life insurance income	(514)	(442)
Principal repayments of operating lease obligations	(52)	(50)
Gain on loans sold, net	(284)	(9)
Net increase in other assets	(2,591)	(2,058)
Net decrease in other liabilities	(5,309)	(738)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>6,072</u>	<u>9,718</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchases of debt securities available-for-sale	—	(5,038)
Proceeds from pay downs, maturities and calls of debt securities available-for-sale	2,565	4,481
(Purchase) Redemption of Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(2,958)	110
Loan originations and purchases, net of paydowns	(75,927)	(23,710)
Proceeds from loan sale	15,851	401
Proceeds from principal repayments on loans held for sale	2,560	—
Additions to premises and equipment	(94)	(181)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>(58,003)</u>	<u>(23,937)</u>



PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued)  
(Unaudited)

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2022	2021
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Net increase in noninterest-bearing accounts	48,824	100,987
Net decrease in interest-bearing accounts	(68,847)	(16,626)
Cash dividends paid on common stock	(1,341)	(1,219)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options, net	(116)	9
Net change in short-term borrowings	78,000	—
Shares surrendered related to tax withholdings on restricted stock awards	(40)	(2)
Repurchase of common stock	(2,860)	(12,365)
Net cash provided by financing activities	53,620	70,784
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,689	56,565
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	153,115	83,819
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 154,804</b>	<b>\$ 140,384</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosures:</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 931	\$ 1,891
Income taxes paid	3,029	4,969
Reclassification of loans held for sale to loans held for investment	9,599	—

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.  
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements  
(Unaudited)

**(1) Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited financial statements of Provident Bancorp, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the “Company”), were prepared in accordance with the instructions for Form 10-Q and with Regulation S-X and do not include information or footnotes necessary for a complete presentation of the financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). However, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements have been included. The results of operations for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2022 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for future periods, including the entire fiscal year. Certain amounts in 2021 have been reclassified to be consistent with the 2022 consolidated financial statement presentation and had no effect on the net income reported in the consolidated statements of income. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements and notes thereto included in the annual report on Form 10-K the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 24, 2022.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, its wholly owned subsidiary, The Provident Bank (“BankProv” or the “Bank”), and the Bank’s wholly owned subsidiaries, Provident Security Corporation and 5 Market Street Security Corporation. Provident Security Corporation and 5 Market Street Security Corporation were established to buy, sell, and hold investments for their own account. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

**(2) Corporate Structure**

The Company is a Maryland corporation whose primary purpose is to act as the holding company for the Bank. The Bank, headquartered in Amesbury, Massachusetts, operates its business from seven banking offices located in Amesbury and Newburyport, Massachusetts and Portsmouth, Exeter, Bedford, and Seabrook, New Hampshire. The Bank also has two loan production offices in Boston, Massachusetts and Ponte Vedra, Florida. Our primary deposit products are checking, savings, and term certificate accounts and our primary lending products are commercial mortgages, commercial and mortgage warehouse loans. BankProv is also a commercial bank for corporate clients, specializing in offering adaptive and technology-first banking solutions to niche markets, including digital asset, renewable energy, fin-tech and search fund lending.

### (3) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued *Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2016-13, Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): “Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments.”* The ASU changes the impairment model for most financial assets and certain other instruments. For trade and other receivables, held-to-maturity debt securities, loans and other instruments, entities will be required to use a new forward-looking “expected loss” model that will replace the current “incurred loss” model and can result in the earlier recognition of credit losses. For available-for-sale debt securities with unrealized losses, entities will measure credit losses in a manner similar to current practice, except that the losses will be recognized as an allowance. In October 2019, FASB approved a delay in the implementation until January 2023 for smaller reporting companies as defined by the SEC. The amendments in this update will be effective for the Company on January 1, 2023. Early adoption is permitted as of the fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Management is currently evaluating the impact of its pending adoption of this guidance on the Company’s financial statements.

In March 2020, the FASB issued *ASU No. 2020-04, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848) - Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting (“ASU 2020-04”)*, to ease the potential burden in accounting for recognizing the effects of reference rate reform on financial reporting. Such challenges include the accounting and operational implications for contract modifications and hedge accounting. The provisions in ASU 2020-04 provide optional expedients and exceptions for applying GAAP to loan and lease agreements, contracts, hedging relationships, and other transactions affected by reference rate reform. These provisions apply to contract modifications that reference LIBOR or another reference rate expected to be discounted because of reference rate reform. Qualifying modifications of loan agreements should be accounted for by prospectively adjusting the effective interest rate and the modification would be considered “minor” so that any existing unamortized deferred loan origination fees and costs would carry forward and continue to be amortized. Qualifying modifications of lease agreements should be accounted for as a continuation of the existing agreement with no reassessments of the lease classification and the discount rate or remeasurements of lease payments that otherwise would be required for modifications not accounted for as separate contracts. ASU 2020-04 also provides numerous optional expedients for hedge accounting.

ASU 2020-04 is effective as of March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022, with adoption permitted as of any date from the beginning of an interim period that includes or is subsequent to March 12, 2020, or prospectively from a date within an interim period that includes or is subsequent to March 12, 2020, up to the date that the financial statements are available to be issued. Once elected, the amendments must be applied prospectively for all eligible contract modifications. The Company has formed a cross-functional working group to lead the transition from LIBOR to an alternate index. As of January 1, 2022 the Company is no longer originating loans tied to LIBOR. For existing agreements that reference LIBOR the Company is exploring replacement indexes and has incorporated fallback language. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that this ASU will have on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In March 2022, the FASB issued *ASU No. 2022-02, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326) – Trouble Debt Restructurings and Vintage Disclosures (“ASU 2022-02”)*, which eliminates the accounting guidance on trouble debt restructurings (“TDRs”) for creditors in Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 310-40 and amends the guidance on “vintage disclosures” to require disclosures of current-period gross write-offs by year of origination. The ASC also updates the requirements related to accounting for credit losses under ASC 326 and adds enhanced disclosures for creditors with respect to loan refinancing’s and restructurings for borrowers experiencing financial difficulty. ASU 2022-02 is effective for the Company on January 1, 2023 in conjunction with the adoption of ASU No. 2016-13. Management is currently evaluating the impact of its pending adoption of this guidance on the Company’s financial statements.

In March 2022, the SEC released *Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121 (“SAB 121”)*, which provides interpretive guidance regarding accounting for obligations to safeguard crypto-assets an entity holds for its platform users. The interpretive guidance requires an entity to recognize a liability on its balance sheet to reflect the obligation to safeguard the crypto-assets held for its platform users, along with a corresponding asset, both of which are measured at fair value. SAB 121 also requires disclosure of the nature and amount of crypto assets being safeguarded, how the fair value is determined, an entity’s accounting policy for safeguarding liabilities and corresponding assets and may require other information about risks and uncertainties arising from the entity’s safeguarding activities. SAB 121 is effective no later than the first interim or annual period ending after June 15, 2022, with retrospective application as of the beginning of the fiscal year. The Company has completed an evaluation and concluded that it does not have a safeguarding obligation under SAB 121 for the digital asset collateral associated with its loans and therefore the disclosures do not apply.

#### (4) Investment Securities

The following summarizes the amortized cost of investment securities classified as available-for-sale and their approximate fair values at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Amortized Cost Basis	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<b>June 30, 2022</b>				
State and municipal securities	\$ 11,948	\$ 12	\$ 621	\$ 11,339
Asset-backed securities	7,603	—	674	6,929
Government mortgage-backed securities	13,766	—	866	12,900
Total debt securities available-for-sale	<u>\$ 33,317</u>	<u>\$ 12</u>	<u>\$ 2,161</u>	<u>\$ 31,168</u>
<b>December 31, 2021</b>				
State and municipal securities	\$ 12,002	\$ 625	\$ 36	\$ 12,591
Asset-backed securities	8,141	118	4	8,255
Government mortgage-backed securities	15,842	208	59	15,991
Total debt securities available-for-sale	<u>\$ 35,985</u>	<u>\$ 951</u>	<u>\$ 99</u>	<u>\$ 36,837</u>

The scheduled maturities of debt securities at June 30, 2022 are summarized in the table below. Actual maturities of asset and mortgage-backed securities may differ from contractual maturities because the assets and mortgages underlying the securities may be repaid without any penalties. Because asset- and mortgage-backed securities are not due at a single maturity date, they are not included in the maturity categories in the following maturity summary.

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Available-for-Sale	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due after one year through five years	\$ 576	\$ 569
Due after five years through ten years	1,171	1,173
Due after ten years	10,201	9,597
Government mortgage-backed securities	13,766	12,900
Asset-backed securities	7,603	6,929
	<u>\$ 33,317</u>	<u>\$ 31,168</u>

There were no realized gains or losses on sales and calls during the six months ended June 30, 2022 or June 30, 2021.

Securities with carrying amounts of \$11.5 million and \$14.4 million were pledged to secure available borrowings with the Federal Home Loan Bank at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

**Other-than-temporary impairment assessment:** Management assesses whether the decline in fair value of investment securities is other-than-temporary on a regular basis. Unrealized losses on debt securities may occur from current market conditions, increases in interest rates since the time of purchase, a structural change in an investment, volatility of earnings of a specific issuer, or deterioration in credit quality of the issuer. Management evaluates impairments in value both qualitatively and quantitatively to assess whether they are other-than-temporary.

The aggregate fair value and unrealized losses of securities that have been in a continuous unrealized loss position for less than twelve months and for twelve months or longer are as follows at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
<i>(In thousands)</i>						
<b>June 30, 2022</b>						
Temporarily impaired securities:						
State and municipal	\$ 8,722	\$ 621	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 8,722	\$ 621
Asset-backed securities	6,930	674	—	—	6,930	674
Government mortgage-backed securities	12,815	856	85	10	12,900	866
Total temporarily impaired debt securities	<u>\$ 28,467</u>	<u>\$ 2,151</u>	<u>\$ 85</u>	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$ 28,552</u>	<u>\$ 2,161</u>
<b>December 31, 2021</b>						
Temporarily impaired securities:						
State and municipal	\$ 2,950	\$ 36	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,950	\$ 36
Asset-backed securities	4,797	4	—	—	4,797	4
Government mortgage-backed securities	5,022	54	113	5	5,135	59
Total temporarily impaired debt securities	<u>\$ 12,769</u>	<u>\$ 94</u>	<u>\$ 113</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>\$ 12,882</u>	<u>\$ 99</u>

The gross unrealized losses were primarily attributable to changes in interest rates since the time of purchase. Management believes that the unrealized losses on these debt security holdings are a function of changes in investment spreads and interest rate movements and not changes in credit quality. Management expects to recover the entire amortized cost basis of these securities. Furthermore, the Company does not intend to sell these securities and it is not more-likely-than-not that the Company will be required to sell these securities before recovery of their cost basis, which may be maturity. Therefore, management does not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired June 30, 2022.

##### (5) Loans

A summary of loans is as follows:

	At	At
	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
	Amount	Amount
<i>(In thousands)</i>		
Commercial real estate	\$ 422,162	\$ 432,275
Commercial (1)	796,345	726,241
Residential real estate	9,902	812
Construction and land development	67,525	42,800
Consumer	720	1,519
Mortgage warehouse	239,791	253,764
	<u>1,536,445</u>	<u>1,457,411</u>
Allowance for loan losses	(18,972)	(19,496)
Deferred loan fees, net	(3,228)	(4,112)
Net loans	<u>\$ 1,514,245</u>	<u>\$ 1,433,803</u>

(1) Includes \$138.6 million and \$120.5 million in loans to digital asset companies at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

The following tables set forth information regarding the activity in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021:

For the three months ended June 30,							
<i>(In thousands)</i>	Commercial Real Estate	Commercial	Residential Real Estate	Construction and Land Development	Consumer	Mortgage Warehouse	Total
<b>Allowance for loan losses:</b>							
<b>Balance at March 31, 2022</b>	\$ 4,992	\$ 13,267	\$ 14	\$ 565	\$ 123	\$ 335	\$ 19,296
Charge-offs	—	(1,338)	—	—	(7)	—	(1,345)
Recoveries	—	5	—	—	11	—	16
Provision (credit)	(102)	1,067	—	173	(38)	(95)	1,005
<b>Balance at June 30, 2022</b>	<u>\$ 4,890</u>	<u>\$ 13,001</u>	<u>\$ 14</u>	<u>\$ 738</u>	<u>\$ 89</u>	<u>\$ 240</u>	<u>\$ 18,972</u>
<b>Balance at March 31, 2021</b>	\$ 6,102	\$ 11,512	\$ 155	\$ 452	\$ 445	\$ 366	\$ 19,032
Charge-offs	—	(1,366)	—	—	(35)	—	(1,401)
Recoveries	—	97	2	—	13	—	112
Provision (credit)	(349)	2,153	(16)	(7)	(87)	(25)	1,669
<b>Balance at June 30, 2021</b>	<u>\$ 5,753</u>	<u>\$ 12,396</u>	<u>\$ 141</u>	<u>\$ 445</u>	<u>\$ 336</u>	<u>\$ 341</u>	<u>\$ 19,412</u>
For the six months ended June 30,							
<i>(In thousands)</i>	Commercial Real Estate	Commercial	Residential Real Estate	Construction and Land Development	Consumer	Mortgage Warehouse	Total
<b>Allowance for loan losses:</b>							
<b>Balance at December 31, 2021</b>	\$ 4,935	\$ 13,495	\$ 38	\$ 479	\$ 168	\$ 381	\$ 19,496
Charge-offs	—	(1,689)	—	—	(35)	—	(1,724)
Recoveries	—	93	—	—	19	—	112
Provision (credit)	(45)	1,102	(24)	259	(63)	(141)	1,088
<b>Balance at June 30, 2022</b>	<u>\$ 4,890</u>	<u>\$ 13,001</u>	<u>\$ 14</u>	<u>\$ 738</u>	<u>\$ 89</u>	<u>\$ 240</u>	<u>\$ 18,972</u>
<b>Balance at December 31, 2020</b>	\$ 6,095	\$ 10,543	\$ 184	\$ 447	\$ 586	\$ 663	\$ 18,518
Charge-offs	(150)	(1,409)	—	—	(191)	—	(1,750)
Recoveries	81	97	2	—	42	—	222
Provision (credit)	(273)	3,165	(45)	(2)	(101)	(322)	2,422
<b>Balance at June 30, 2021</b>	<u>\$ 5,753</u>	<u>\$ 12,396</u>	<u>\$ 141</u>	<u>\$ 445</u>	<u>\$ 336</u>	<u>\$ 341</u>	<u>\$ 19,412</u>

The following table sets forth information regarding the allowance for loan losses and related loan balances by portfolio segment at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Commercial Real Estate	Commercial	Residential Real Estate	Construction and Land Development	Consumer	Mortgage Warehouse	Total
<b>June 30, 2022</b>							
Allowance for loan losses:							
Ending balance:							
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Ending balance:							
Collectively evaluated for impairment	4,890	13,001	14	738	89	240	18,972
Total allowance for loan losses ending balance	<u>\$ 4,890</u>	<u>\$ 13,001</u>	<u>\$ 14</u>	<u>\$ 738</u>	<u>\$ 89</u>	<u>\$ 240</u>	<u>\$ 18,972</u>
Loans (1):							
Ending balance:							
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 20,171	\$ 423	\$ 157	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 20,751
Ending balance:							
Collectively evaluated for impairment	401,991	795,922	9,745	67,525	720	239,791	1,515,694
Total loans ending balance	<u>\$ 422,162</u>	<u>\$ 796,345</u>	<u>\$ 9,902</u>	<u>\$ 67,525</u>	<u>\$ 720</u>	<u>\$ 239,791</u>	<u>\$ 1,536,445</u>

(1) Balances represent gross loans. The difference between gross loans versus recorded investment, which would consist of unpaid principal balance, net of charge-offs, interest payments received applied to principal and unamortized deferred loan origination fees and costs, is not material.

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Commercial Real Estate	Commercial	Residential Real Estate	Construction and Land Development	Consumer	Mortgage Warehouse	Total
<b>December 31, 2021</b>							
Allowance for loan losses:							
Ending balance:							
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ —	\$ 1,616	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,616
Ending balance:							
Collectively evaluated for impairment	4,935	11,879	38	479	168	381	17,880
Total allowance for loan losses ending balance	<u>\$ 4,935</u>	<u>\$ 13,495</u>	<u>\$ 38</u>	<u>\$ 479</u>	<u>\$ 168</u>	<u>\$ 381</u>	<u>\$ 19,496</u>
Loans (1):							
Ending balance:							
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 20,188	\$ 3,929	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 24,117
Ending balance:							
Collectively evaluated for impairment	412,087	722,312	812	42,800	1,519	253,764	1,433,294
Total loans ending balance	<u>\$ 432,275</u>	<u>\$ 726,241</u>	<u>\$ 812</u>	<u>\$ 42,800</u>	<u>\$ 1,519</u>	<u>\$ 253,764</u>	<u>\$ 1,457,411</u>

(1) Balances represent gross loans. The difference between gross loans versus recorded investment, which would consist of unpaid principal balance, net of charge-offs, interest payments received applied to principal and unamortized deferred loan origination fees and costs, is not material.

The following tables set forth information regarding non-accrual loans and loan delinquencies by portfolio segment at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	30 - 59 Days	60 - 89 Days	90 Days or More Past Due	Total Past Due	Total Current	Total Loans	90 Days or More Past Due and Accruing	Non-accrual Loans
<b>June 30, 2022</b>								
Commercial real estate	\$ 122	\$ 59	\$ —	\$ 181	\$ 421,981	\$ 422,162	\$ —	\$ —
Commercial	—	94	263	357	795,988	796,345	—	301
Residential real estate	—	—	144	144	9,758	9,902	—	303
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—	67,525	67,525	—	—
Consumer	15	10	3	28	692	720	—	4
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—	239,791	239,791	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 137</u>	<u>\$ 163</u>	<u>\$ 410</u>	<u>\$ 710</u>	<u>\$ 1,535,735</u>	<u>\$ 1,536,445</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 608</u>
<b>December 31, 2021</b>								
Commercial real estate	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 432,275	\$ 432,275	\$ —	\$ —
Commercial	13	111	1,860	1,984	724,257	726,241	—	2,080
Residential real estate	—	—	555	555	257	812	—	812
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—	42,800	42,800	—	—
Consumer	15	11	—	26	1,493	1,519	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—	253,764	253,764	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 28</u>	<u>\$ 122</u>	<u>\$ 2,415</u>	<u>\$ 2,565</u>	<u>\$ 1,454,846</u>	<u>\$ 1,457,411</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,892</u>



The following tables provide information with respect to the Company's impaired loans:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	June 30, 2022			December 31, 2021		
	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance	Recorded Investment	Unpaid Principal Balance	Related Allowance
With no related allowance recorded:						
Commercial real estate	\$ 20,171	\$ 20,217	\$ —	\$ 20,188	\$ 20,339	\$ —
Commercial	423	2,278	—	2,015	2,205	—
Residential real estate	157	157	—	—	—	—
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total impaired with no related allowance	<u>20,751</u>	<u>22,652</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>22,203</u>	<u>22,544</u>	<u>—</u>
With an allowance recorded:						
Commercial real estate	—	—	—	—	—	—
Commercial	—	—	—	1,914	3,086	1,616
Residential real estate	—	—	—	—	—	—
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total impaired with an allowance recorded	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,914</u>	<u>3,086</u>	<u>1,616</u>
Total						
Commercial real estate	20,171	20,217	—	20,188	20,339	—
Commercial	423	2,278	—	3,929	5,291	1,616
Residential real estate	157	157	—	—	—	—
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total impaired loans	<u>\$ 20,751</u>	<u>\$ 22,652</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 24,117</u>	<u>\$ 25,630</u>	<u>\$ 1,616</u>

Three Months Ended June 30,

	2022		2021	
	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized
<i>(In thousands)</i>				
With no related allowance recorded:				
Commercial real estate	\$ 20,187	\$ 164	\$ 20,984	\$ 161
Commercial	581	3	2,090	47
Residential real estate	157	2	161	3
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—
Total impaired with no related allowance	20,925	169	23,235	211
With an allowance recorded:				
Commercial real estate	—	—	—	—
Commercial	—	—	3,342	1
Residential real estate	—	—	—	—
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—
Total impaired with an allowance recorded	—	—	3,342	1
Total				
Commercial real estate	20,187	164	20,984	161
Commercial	581	3	5,432	48
Residential real estate	157	2	161	3
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—
Total impaired loans	\$ 20,925	\$ 169	\$ 26,577	\$ 212

## Six Months Ended June 30,

	2022		2021	
	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized
<i>(In thousands)</i>				
<b>With no related allowance recorded:</b>				
Commercial real estate	\$ 20,187	\$ 319	\$ 21,040	\$ 344
Commercial	769	4	2,128	50
Residential real estate	157	3	161	5
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—
Total impaired with no related allowance	21,113	326	23,329	399
<b>With an allowance recorded:</b>				
Commercial real estate	—	—	—	—
Commercial	—	—	3,349	3
Residential real estate	—	—	—	—
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—
Total impaired with an allowance recorded	—	—	3,349	3
<b>Total</b>				
Commercial real estate	20,187	319	21,040	344
Commercial	769	4	5,477	53
Residential real estate	157	3	161	5
Construction and land development	—	—	—	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—	—	—
Total impaired loans	<u>\$ 21,113</u>	<u>\$ 326</u>	<u>\$ 26,678</u>	<u>\$ 402</u>

**Troubled debt restructurings:** Loans are considered to be TDRs when the Company has granted concessions to a borrower due to the borrower's financial condition that it otherwise would not have considered. These concessions may include modifications of the terms of the debt such as deferral of payments, extension of maturity, reduction of principal balance, reduction of the stated interest rate other than normal market rate adjustments, or a combination of these concessions. Debt may be bifurcated with separate terms for each tranche of the restructured debt. Restructuring of a loan in lieu of aggressively enforcing the collection of the loan may benefit the Company by increasing the ultimate probability of collection.

Restructured loans are classified as accruing or non-accruing based on management's assessment of the collectability of the loan. Loans which are already on nonaccrual status at the time of the restructuring generally remain on nonaccrual status for approximately six months before management considers such loans for return to accruing status. Accruing restructured loans are placed into nonaccrual status if and when the borrower fails to comply with the restructured terms and management deems it unlikely that the borrower will return to a status of compliance in the near term.

TDRs are reported as such for at least one year from the date of the restructuring. In years after the restructuring, TDRs are removed from this classification if the restructuring did not involve a below-market rate concession and the loan is not deemed to be impaired based on the terms specified in the restructuring agreement.

There were no new TDRs entered into during the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021. The following table summarize TDRs entered into during the six months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2022			2021		
	Number of Contracts	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Number of Contracts	Pre-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment	Post-Modification Outstanding Recorded Investment
Troubled debt restructurings:						
Commercial	—	\$ —	\$ —	3	\$ 1,868	\$ 1,868
	—	\$ —	\$ —	3	\$ 1,868	\$ 1,868

There were no new TDRs approved during the six months ended June 30, 2022.

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Company approved three TDRs all related to one commercial relationship totaling \$1.9 million. A troubled debt restructuring was completed to provide the borrower with a three-month principal and interest deferral through April 2021; upon review in the second quarter of 2021 an additional three-month principal and interest deferral was granted through August 2021. During the third quarter of 2021, \$1.6 million relating to this commercial relationship was charged-off with an additional \$351,000 written off in the first quarter of 2022. As of June 30, 2022 the balance remaining is equal to the estimated net value of the collateral and the relationship remains on non-accrual status.

The total recorded investment in TDRs was \$20.6 million and \$22.7 million at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. As of June 30, 2022, there were no material commitments to lend additional funds to borrowers whose loans had been restructured.

The following tables present the Company's loans by risk rating and portfolio segment at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Commercial Real Estate	Commercial	Residential Real Estate	Construction and Land Development	Consumer	Mortgage Warehouse	Total
<b>June 30, 2022</b>							
Grade:							
Pass	\$ 374,227	\$ 750,660	\$ —	\$ 66,487	\$ —	\$ 239,791	\$ 1,431,165
Special mention	28,125	39,220	—	—	—	—	67,345
Substandard	19,810	6,202	303	1,038	—	—	27,353
Doubtful	—	263	—	—	—	—	263
Not formally rated	—	—	9,599	—	720	—	10,319
Total	\$ 422,162	\$ 796,345	\$ 9,902	\$ 67,525	\$ 720	\$ 239,791	\$ 1,536,445
<b>December 31, 2021</b>							
Grade:							
Pass	\$ 383,460	\$ 676,081	\$ —	\$ 41,762	\$ —	\$ 253,764	\$ 1,355,067
Special mention	29,004	41,921	—	—	—	—	70,925
Substandard	19,811	7,677	812	1,038	—	—	29,338
Doubtful	—	562	—	—	—	—	562
Not formally rated	—	—	—	—	1,519	—	1,519
Total	\$ 432,275	\$ 726,241	\$ 812	\$ 42,800	\$ 1,519	\$ 253,764	\$ 1,457,411

### Credit Quality Information

The Company utilizes a seven grade internal loan risk rating system for commercial real estate, construction and land development, and commercial loans as follows:

**Loans rated 1-3:** Loans in these categories are considered “pass” rated loans with low to average risk.

**Loans rated 4:** Loans in this category are considered “special mention.” These loans are starting to show signs of potential weakness and are being closely monitored by management.

**Loans rated 5:** Loans in this category are considered “substandard.” Generally, a loan is considered substandard if it is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligors and/or the collateral pledged. There is a distinct possibility that the Company will sustain some loss if the weakness is not corrected.

**Loans rated 6:** Loans in this category are considered “doubtful.” Loans classified as doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified substandard with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, highly questionable and improbable.

**Loans rated 7:** Loans in this category are considered uncollectible “loss” and of such little value that their continuance as loans is not warranted.

On an annual basis, or more often if needed, the Company formally reviews the ratings on all commercial real estate, construction and land development, and commercial loans.

On an annual basis, or more often if needed, the Company completes a credit recertification on all mortgage warehouse originators.

For residential real estate loans, the Company initially assesses credit quality based upon the borrower’s ability to pay and rates such loans as pass. Ongoing monitoring is based upon the borrower’s payment activity.

Consumer loans are not formally rated.

## (6) Deposits

A summary of deposit balances, by type is as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	At June 30, 2022	At December 31, 2021
Noninterest-bearing:		
Demand	\$ 675,411	\$ 626,587
Interest-bearing:		
NOW	267,333	197,884
Regular savings	158,593	155,267
Money market deposits	289,802	419,625
Certificates of deposit:		
Certificate accounts of \$250,000 or more	5,515	5,078
Certificate accounts less than \$250,000	43,218	55,454
Total interest-bearing	764,461	833,308
Total deposits	<u>\$ 1,439,872</u>	<u>\$ 1,459,895</u>

## (7) Borrowings

Advances consist of funds borrowed from the Federal Home Loan Bank (the “FHLB”). Maturities of advances from the FHLB as of June 30, 2022 are summarized as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	
<i>Fiscal Year-End</i>	
2022	\$ 78,000
2023	8,500
2025	5,000
Total	<u>\$ 91,500</u>

Borrowings from the FHLB are secured by a blanket lien on qualified collateral, consisting primarily of loans with first mortgages secured by one to four family properties, certain commercial loans and qualified mortgage-backed government securities. At June 30, 2022, borrowings from the FHLB consisted of short-term borrowings, with original maturities of less than one year, totaling

\$78.0 million and long-term borrowings, with original maturities more than one year, totaling \$13.5 million. The interest rate on FHLB short-term borrowings was 1.70% at June 30, 2022. The interest rates on FHLB long-term advances ranged from 1.21% to 3.01%, with a weighted average interest rate of 2.11% at June 30, 2022.

## (8) Fair Value Measurements

The Company reports certain assets at fair value in accordance with GAAP, which defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

### Basis of Fair Value Measurements

- Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability;
- Level 3 – Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

An asset's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

### Fair Values of Assets Measured on a Recurring Basis

The Company's investments in state and municipal, asset-backed and government mortgage-backed debt securities available-for-sale are generally classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. For these investments, the Company obtains fair value measurements from independent pricing services. The fair value measurements consider observable data that may include dealer quotes, market spreads, cash flows, the U.S. Treasury yield curve, trading levels, market consensus prepayment speeds, credit information and the instrument's terms and conditions.

The following summarizes financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using			
	Total	Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3
<i>(In thousands)</i>				
<b>June 30, 2022</b>				
State and municipal securities	\$ 11,339	\$ —	\$ 11,339	\$ —
Asset-backed securities	6,929	—	6,929	—
Government mortgage-backed securities	12,900	—	12,900	—
Totals	<u>\$ 31,168</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 31,168</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
<b>December 31, 2021</b>				
State and municipal securities	\$ 12,591	\$ —	\$ 12,591	\$ —
Asset-backed securities	8,255	—	8,255	—
Government mortgage-backed securities	15,991	—	15,991	—
Totals	<u>\$ 36,837</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 36,837</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

### Fair Values of Assets Measured on a Non-Recurring Basis

The Company may also be required, from time to time, to measure certain other assets at fair value on a non-recurring basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These adjustments to fair value usually result from the application of lower-of-cost-or market accounting or write-downs of individual assets.

Certain impaired loans were adjusted to fair value, less cost to sell, of the underlying collateral securing these loans resulting in losses. The loss is not recorded directly as an adjustment to current earnings, but rather as a component in determining the allowance for loan losses. Fair value was measured using appraised values of collateral and adjusted as necessary by management based on unobservable inputs for specific properties.

The following summarizes assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using:			
	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3
<i>(In thousands)</i>				
<b>June 30, 2022</b>				
Impaired loans				
Commercial	\$ 301	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 301
Totals	\$ 301	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 301
<b>December 31, 2021</b>				
Impaired loans				
Commercial	\$ 361	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 361
Totals	\$ 361	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 361

The following is a summary of the valuation methodology and unobservable inputs for Level 3 assets measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range
<b>June 30, 2022</b>				
Impaired loans				
Commercial	\$ 301	Business valuation	Comparable company evaluations	0% - 28%
<b>December 31, 2021</b>				
Impaired loans				
Commercial	\$ 361	Business valuation	Comparable company evaluations	0% - 24%

At June 30, 2022, the carrying amount of impaired commercial loans measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis was \$2.1 million, net of charge offs of \$1.8 million. There were no specific reserves on impaired commercial loans measured at fair value as of June 30, 2022. At December 31, 2021, the carrying amount of impaired commercial loans measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis was \$3.2 million, net of specific reserves of \$1.6 million and charge offs of \$1.2 million.

#### Fair Values of Financial Instruments

GAAP requires disclosure of fair value information about financial instruments, whether or not recognized in the balance sheet, for which it is practicable to estimate that value. Certain financial instruments and all nonfinancial instruments are excluded from the disclosure requirements. Accordingly, the aggregate fair value amounts presented do not represent the underlying value of the Company.

The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments, all of which are held or issued for purposes other than trading, are as follows at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

(In thousands)	Carrying Amount	Fair Value			
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>June 30, 2022</b>					
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 154,804	\$ 154,804	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 154,804
Available-for-sale debt securities	31,168	—	31,168	—	31,168
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston stock	3,743	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Loans, net	1,514,245	—	—	1,477,514	1,477,514
Accrued interest receivable	5,765	—	5,765	—	5,765
Financial liabilities:					
Deposits	1,439,872	—	1,439,789	—	1,439,789
Borrowings	91,500	—	91,223	—	91,223
<b>December 31, 2021</b>					
Financial assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 153,115	\$ 153,115	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 153,115
Available-for-sale debt securities	36,837	—	36,837	—	36,837
Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston stock	785	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Loans and loans held for sale, net	1,456,649	—	—	1,468,013	1,468,013
Accrued interest receivable	5,703	—	5,703	—	5,703
Financial liabilities:					
Deposits	1,459,895	—	1,459,841	—	1,459,841
Borrowings	13,500	—	13,698	—	13,698

#### (9) Regulatory Capital

The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Bank's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the Bank's assets, liabilities and certain off-balance sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Bank's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings and other factors.

The Bank is subject to capital regulations that require a Common Equity Tier 1 ("CET1") capital ratio of 4.5%, a minimum Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of 6.0%, a minimum total capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of 8.0% and a minimum Tier 1 leverage ratio of 4.0%. CET1 generally consists of common stock and retained earnings, subject to applicable adjustments and deductions. In order to be considered "well capitalized," the Bank must maintain a CET1 capital ratio of 6.5% and a Tier 1 ratio of 8.0%, a total risk-based capital ratio of 10% and a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 5.0%. As of June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the FDIC categorized the Bank as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action.

Applicable regulations limit capital distributions and certain discretionary bonus payments to management if the institution does not hold a "capital conservation buffer" consisting of 2.5% of common equity Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted asset above the amount necessary to meet its minimum risk-based capital requirements. At June 30, 2022, the Bank exceeded the regulatory requirement for the capital conservation buffer.

In 2019, the federal banking agencies adopted a final rule to implement Section 201 of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, effective January 1, 2020, establishing a community bank leverage ratio ("CBLR") framework for community banking organizations having total consolidated assets of less than \$10 billion, having a leverage ratio of greater than 9%, and satisfying other criteria, such as limitations on the amount of off-balance sheet exposures and on trading assets and liabilities. A community banking organization that qualifies for and elects to use the CBLR framework and that maintains a leverage ratio of greater than 9% will be considered to have satisfied the generally applicable risk-based and leverage capital requirements in the banking agencies' generally applicable capital rules and, if applicable, will be considered to have met the well-capitalized ratio requirements for purposes of Section 38 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. The Bank did not elect to use the CBLR framework.



The Bank's actual capital amounts and ratios are presented in the following table.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Actual		For Capital Adequacy Purposes		To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
<b>June 30, 2022</b>						
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$ 234,129	14.24 %	\$ 131,544	≥ 8.0 %	\$ 164,430	≥ 10.0 %
Tier 1 Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	215,157	13.08	98,658	≥ 6.0	131,544	≥ 8.0
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	215,157	13.08	73,994	≥ 4.5	106,880	≥ 6.5
Tier 1 Capital (to Average Assets)	215,157	11.92	72,188	≥ 4.0	90,235	≥ 5.0
<b>December 31, 2021</b>						
Total Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	\$ 221,865	14.18 %	\$ 125,177	≥ 8.0 %	\$ 156,472	≥ 10.0 %
Tier 1 Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	202,369	12.93	93,883	≥ 6.0	125,177	≥ 8.0
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (to Risk Weighted Assets)	202,369	12.93	70,412	≥ 4.5	101,706	≥ 6.5
Tier 1 Capital (to Average Assets)	202,369	12.07	67,072	≥ 4.0	83,840	≥ 5.0

#### Liquidation Accounts

Upon the completion of the Company's initial stock offering in 2015 and the second step offering in 2019, liquidation accounts were established for the benefit of certain depositors of the Bank in amounts equal to:

1. The product of (i) the percentage of the stock issued in the initial stock offering in 2015 to persons other than Provident Bancorp, the top tier mutual holding company ("MHC") of the Company and (ii) the net worth of the mid-tier holding company as of the date of the latest balance sheet contained in the prospectus utilized in connection with the offering.
2. The MHC's ownership interest in the retained earnings of the Company as of the date of the latest balance sheet contained in the 2019 prospectus plus the MHC's net assets (excluding its ownership of the Company).

The Company and the Bank are not permitted to pay dividends on their capital stock if the shareholders' equity of the Company, or the shareholder's equity of the Bank, would be reduced below the amount of the respective liquidation accounts. The liquidation accounts will be reduced annually to the extent that eligible account holders have reduced their qualifying deposits. Subsequent increases will not restore an eligible account holder's interest in the liquidation accounts.

#### Other Restrictions

The Company's principal source of funds for dividend payments is dividends received from the Bank. Federal and state banking regulations restrict the amount of dividends that may be paid in a year, without prior approval of regulatory agencies, to the net income of the Bank for the year plus the retained net income of the previous two years. For the six months ended June 30, 2022, net income of the Bank was \$11.2 million and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, \$16.1 million and \$12.1 million, respectively, of retained earnings were available to pay dividends.

The Company may, at times, repurchase its own shares in the open market. Such transactions are subject to the Federal Reserve Board's notice provisions for stock repurchases. In March 2021, the Company announced its plan to repurchase 1,400,000 shares of its common stock. The repurchase program was adopted following the receipt of non-objection from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, and in compliance with applicable state and federal regulations. During the six months ended June 30, 2022, the Company repurchased 180,434 shares of its outstanding common stock under this program.

#### **(10) Employee Stock Ownership Plan**

The Bank established an ESOP to provide eligible employees the opportunity to own company stock. The plan is a tax-qualified plan for the benefit of all Bank employees. Contributions are allocated to eligible participants on the basis of compensation, subject to federal tax law limits. The ESOP acquired a total of 1,538,868 shares between the initial and second-step stock offerings with the proceeds of a loan totaling \$11.8 million. The loan is payable over 15 years at a rate per annum equal to the prime rate (3.25% as of December 31, 2021). Shares used as collateral to secure the loan are released and available for allocation to eligible employees as the principal and interest on the loan is paid. The number of shares committed to be released per year through 2033 is 89,758.

Shares held by the ESOP include the following:

	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Allocated	461,772	372,014
Committed to be released	44,879	89,758
Unallocated	1,032,217	1,077,096
Total	<u>1,538,868</u>	<u>1,538,868</u>

The fair value of unallocated shares was approximately \$16.2 million at June 30, 2022.

Total compensation expense recognized in connection with the ESOP for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 was \$349,000 and \$361,000, respectively. Total compensation expense recognized for the six months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 was \$732,000 and \$647,000, respectively.

#### (11) Earnings Per Common Share

Basic earnings per share represents income available to common stockholders divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed in a manner similar to that of basic earnings per share except that the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding is increased to include the number of incremental common shares (computed using the treasury method) that would have been outstanding if all potentially dilutive common stock equivalents were issued during the period. Unallocated ESOP shares, treasury stock and unvested restricted stock is not deemed outstanding for earnings per share calculations.

<i>(Dollars in thousands, except per share dollar amounts)</i>	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Net Income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 5,619	\$ 3,166	\$ 11,144	\$ 7,463
Average number of common shares issued	17,765,817	18,293,573	17,810,916	18,532,879
Less:				
average unallocated ESOP shares	(1,039,698)	(1,129,452)	(1,050,855)	(1,140,610)
average unvested restricted stock	(265,871)	(385,423)	(271,120)	(372,380)
Average number of common shares outstanding to calculate basic earnings per common share	16,460,248	16,778,698	16,488,941	17,019,889
Effect of dilutive unvested restricted stock and stock option awards	422,685	559,964	468,245	422,522
Average number of common shares outstanding to calculate diluted earnings per common share	16,882,933	17,338,662	16,957,186	17,442,411
Earnings per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.44
Diluted	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.43

Stock options for 198,627 and 115,385 shares of common stock were not considered in computing diluted earnings per common share for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively, because they were anti-dilutive, meaning the exercise price for such options were higher than the average price for the Company for such period. For the six months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, 185,022 and 706,408 shares, respectively, were not considered in computing diluted earnings per common share because they were antidilutive.

## (12) Share-Based Compensation

The shareholders of the Company approved the Provident Bancorp, Inc. 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2020 Equity Plan”) on November 23, 2020, which is in addition to the Provident Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2016 Equity Plan”), (collectively called the “Equity Incentive Plans”). Under the Equity Incentive Plans, the Company may grant options, restricted stock, restricted units or performance awards to its directors, officers and employees. Both incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options may be granted under the Equity Incentive Plans, with 902,344 and 1,021,239 shares reserved for options under the 2016 Equity Plan and 2020 Equity Plan, respectively. The exercise price of each option equals the market price of the Company’s stock on the date of grant and the maximum term of each option is ten years. The total number of shares reserved for restricted stock or restricted units is 360,935 and 408,495 under the 2016 Equity Plan and 2020 Equity Plan, respectively. The value of restricted stock grants is based on the market price of the stock on grant date. Options and awards vest ratably over 3 to 5 years.

Expense related to options and restricted stock granted to directors is recognized in directors’ compensation within non-interest expense.

### Stock Options

The fair value of each option is estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

- Expected volatility is based on historical volatility because the Company’s common stock price.
- Expected life represents the period of time that the option is expected to be outstanding, taking into account the contractual term, and the vesting period.
- The dividend yield assumption is based on the Company’s expectation of dividend payouts.
- The risk-free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for a period equivalent to the expected life of the option.

The fair value of options granted was determined using the following weighted-average assumptions as of grant date:

	2022
Vesting period (years)	5
Expiration date (years)	10
Expected volatility	33.70%
Expected life (years)	7.5
Expected dividend yield	0.94%
Risk free interest rate	2.01%
Fair value per option	\$ 6.04

A summary of the status of the Company’s stock option grants for the six months ended June 30, 2022 is presented in the table below:

	Stock Option Awards	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2021	1,558,963	\$ 10.72		
Granted	68,150	17.00		
Forfeited	—	—		
Exercised	(50,877)	9.94		
Outstanding at June 30, 2022	1,576,236	\$ 11.01	6.96	\$ 7,476,000
Outstanding and expected to vest at June 30, 2022	1,576,236	\$ 11.01	6.96	\$ 7,476,000
Vested and Exercisable at June 30, 2022	805,038	\$ 9.62	5.44	\$ 4,895,000
Unrecognized compensation cost	\$ 2,777,000			
Weighted average remaining recognition period (years)	3.53			

For the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, total expense for the stock options was \$218,000 and \$304,000, respectively. For the six months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, total expense for the stock options was \$426,000 and \$576,000, respectively.

### Restricted Stock

Shares issued upon the granting of restricted stock may be either authorized but unissued shares or reacquired shares held by the Company. Any shares forfeited because vesting requirements are not met will again be available for issuance under the Equity Plan. The fair market value of shares awarded, based on the market prices at the date of grant, is recorded as unearned compensation and amortized over the applicable vesting period.

The following table presents the activity in restricted stock awards under the Equity Plan for the six months ended June 30, 2022:

	Unvested Restricted Stock Awards	Weighted Average Grant Date Price
Unvested restricted stock awards at December 31, 2021	277,925	\$ 12.15
Granted	29,920	16.89
Forfeited	—	—
Vested	(11,610)	14.82
Unvested restricted stock awards at June 30, 2022	296,235	\$ 12.53
Unrecognized compensation cost	\$ 3,220,000	
Weighted average remaining recognition period (years)	3.55	

For the three months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, total expense for the restricted stock awards was \$250,000 and \$370,000, respectively. For the six months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, total expense for the restricted stock awards was \$487,000 and \$702,000, respectively.

### **(13) Leases**

The Company recognized right-of-use assets (“ROU”) totaling \$4.0 million and \$4.1 million at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively, and operating lease liabilities totaling \$4.3 million and \$4.4 million at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. The lease liabilities recognized by the Company represent two leased branch locations and one loan production office.

Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Variable lease components, such as fair market value adjustments, are expensed as incurred and are not included in ROU assets and operating lease liabilities. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet; we recognize lease expense for the leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term. For the six months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, rent expense for the operating leases totaled \$157,000.

The following table presents information regarding the Company’s operating leases:

	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Weighted-average discount rate	3.58%	3.57%
Range of lease expiration dates	1 – 14 years	1 – 14 years
Range of lease renewal options	5 – 20 years	5 – 20 years
Weighted-average remaining lease term	26.7 years	27.0 years

The following table presents the undiscounted annual lease payments under the terms of the Company’s operating leases at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, including a reconciliation to the present value of operating lease liabilities recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets:

<b>Fiscal Year-End</b>	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
<i>(In thousands)</i>		
2022	\$ 131	\$ 261
2023	264	264
2024	270	270
2025	280	280
2026	291	291
Thereafter	6,033	6,033
Total lease payments	7,269	7,399
Less imputed interest	(2,934)	(3,012)
Total lease liabilities	<u>\$ 4,335</u>	<u>\$ 4,387</u>

The lease liabilities recognized include certain lease extensions as it is expected that the Company will use substantially all lease renewal options.

#### **(14) Revenue Recognition**

Revenue from contracts with customers in the scope of Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC Topic 606”) is measured based on the consideration specified in the contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Company recognizes revenue from contracts with customers when it satisfies its performance obligations.

The Company’s performance obligations are generally satisfied as services are rendered and can either be satisfied at a point in time or over time. Unsatisfied performance obligations at the report date are not material to our consolidated financial statements.

The Company recognizes revenue that is transactional in nature and such revenue is earned at a point in time. Revenue that is recognized at a point in time includes card interchange fees (fee income related to debit card transactions), ATM fees, wire transfer fees, overdraft charge fees, and stop-payment and returned check fees. Additionally, revenue is collected from loan fees, such as letters of credit, line renewal fees and application fees. Such revenue is derived from transactional information and is recognized as revenue immediately as the transactions occur or upon providing the service to complete the customer’s transaction.

#### **Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

Management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 is intended to assist in understanding our financial condition and results of operations. Operating results for the three- and six-month periods ended June 30, 2022 may not be indicative of results for all of 2022 or any other period. The information contained in this section should be read in conjunction with the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto, appearing in Part 1, Item 1 of this report.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This document may contain certain forward-looking statements, such as statements of the Company’s or the Bank’s plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as “expects,” “subject,” “believes,” “will,” “intends,” “may,” “will be,” “would” or similar expressions. Readers should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which reflect management’s analysis of factors only as of the date of which they are given. These statements are subject to change based on various important factors (some of which are beyond the Company’s or the Bank’s control) and actual results may differ materially. These factors include general economic conditions, including trends and levels of interest rates; the effects of any pandemic; global or national war, conflict or act of terrorism; the ability of our borrowers to repay their loans; the ability of the Company or the Bank to effectively manage its growth; inflation or volatility in interest rates; real estate values in the market area; loan demand; competition; changes in accounting policies; changes in laws and regulations; our success in introducing new products or entering new markets; our ability to retain key employees; failures or breaches of our IT systems; and results of regulatory examinations, among other factors.

The foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive. Readers should carefully review the factors described in other documents the Company files from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Annual and Quarterly Reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K.

Except as required by applicable law and regulation, the Company does not undertake — and specifically disclaims any obligation — to update any forward-looking statements after the date of this quarterly report.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Critical accounting estimates are necessary in the application of certain accounting policies and procedures and are particularly susceptible to significant change. Critical accounting policies are defined as those involving significant judgments and assumptions by management that could have a material impact on the carrying value of certain assets or on income under different assumptions or conditions. Management believes that the most critical accounting policies, which involve the most complex or subjective decisions or assessments, are as follows:

**Allowance for Loan Losses.** The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the un-collectability of a loan balance is confirmed. Subsequent recoveries, if any, are credited to the allowance. Management estimates the allowance balance required using past loan loss experience, the size and composition of the portfolio, information about specific borrower situations and estimated collateral values, economic conditions, and other factors. Allocations of the allowance may be made for specific loans, but the entire allowance is available for any loan that, in management's judgment, should be charged off.

The allowance consists of specific and general components. The specific component relates to loans that are individually classified as impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Loans for which the terms have been modified resulting in a concession, and for which the borrower is experiencing financial difficulties, are considered troubled debt restructurings and are classified as impaired.

The Company classifies a loan as impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that it will be unable to collect the scheduled payments of principal or interest when due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. Factors considered by management in determining impairment include payment status, collateral value, and the probability of collecting scheduled principal and interest payments when due. Loans that experience insignificant payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the circumstances surrounding the loan and the borrower, including the length of the delay, the reasons for the delay, the borrower's prior payment record, and the amount of the shortfall in relation to the principal and interest owed.

Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans are collectively evaluated for impairment. Accordingly, we do not separately identify individual consumer and residential loans for impairment disclosures.

The allocated component relates to loans that are classified as impaired. Impairment is measured on a loan by loan basis for commercial, commercial real estate and construction loans by either the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. An allowance is established when the discounted cash flows (or collateral value) of the impaired loan is lower than the carrying value of that loan.

Troubled debt restructurings are individually evaluated for impairment and included in the separately identified impairment disclosures. TDRs are measured at the present value of estimated future cash flows using the loan's effective rate at inception. If a TDR is considered to be a collateral dependent loan, the loan is reported, net, at the fair value of the collateral. For TDRs that subsequently default, the Company determines the amount of the allowance on that loan in accordance with the accounting policy for the allowance for loan losses on loans individually identified as impaired.

The general component of the allowance for loan losses is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors stratified by all loan segments. Management uses a rolling average of historical losses based on a time frame appropriate to capture relevant loss data for each loan segment. This historical loss factors are adjusted for the following qualitative factors: levels/trends in delinquencies and non-accruals; economic conditions, portfolio trends, portfolio concentrations, loan grading and management's discretion. There were no changes in our policies or methodology pertaining to the general component of the allowance for loan losses during the six months ended June 30, 2022 or during the year ended December 31, 2021.

The qualitative factors are determined based on the various risk characteristics of each loan segment. Risk characteristics relevant to each portfolio segment are as follows:

*Residential real estate:* All loans in this segment are collateralized by owner-occupied residential real estate and repayment is dependent on the credit quality of the individual borrower. The overall health of the economy, including unemployment rates and housing prices, will have an effect on the credit quality in this segment. We no longer originate residential real estate loans, and previously we did not typically originate loans with a loan-to-value ratio greater than 80% or grant subprime loans. Loans with loan to value ratios greater than 80% require the purchase of private mortgage insurance.

*Commercial real estate:* Loans in this segment are primarily income-producing properties throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The underlying cash flows generated by the properties are adversely impacted by a downturn in the economy as evidenced by increased vacancy rates, which in turn, will have an effect on the credit quality in this segment. Management periodically obtains rent rolls and continually monitors the cash flows of these loans.

*Construction and land development:* Loans in this segment primarily include speculative and pre-sold real estate development loans for which payment is derived from sale of the property and a conversion of the construction loans to permanent loans for which payment is then derived from cash flows of the property. Credit risk is affected by cost overruns, time to sell at an adequate price, and market conditions.

*Mortgage warehouse:* Loans in this segment are primarily facility lines to non-bank mortgage origination companies. The underlying collateral of these loans are residential real estate loans. Loans are originated by the mortgage companies for sale into secondary markets, which is typically within 15 days of the loan closure. The primary source of repayment is the cash flow upon the sale of the loans. The credit risk associated with this type of lending is the risk that the mortgage companies are unable to sell the loans.

*Commercial:* Loans in this segment are made to businesses and are generally secured by assets of the business. Repayment is expected from the cash flows of the business. A weakened economy, and resultant decreased consumer spending, will have an effect on the credit quality in this segment.

*Consumer:* Loans in this segment are generally unsecured and repayment is dependent on the credit quality of the individual borrower.

An unallocated component can be maintained to cover uncertainties that could affect management's estimate of probable losses. The unallocated component of the allowance reflects the margin of imprecision inherent in the underlying assumptions used in the methodologies for estimating allocated and general reserves in the portfolio.

**Income Taxes.** The Company recognizes income taxes under the asset and liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are established for the temporary differences between the accounting basis and the tax basis of our assets and liabilities at enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when the amounts related to such temporary differences are realized or settled. A tax valuation allowance is established, as needed, to reduce net deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

The Company examines its significant income tax positions quarterly to determine whether a tax benefit is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by tax authorities.

## **Balance Sheet Analysis**

**Assets.** Total assets were \$1.79 billion at June 30, 2022, representing an increase of \$58.7 million, or 3.4%, from \$1.73 billion at December 31, 2021. The increase resulted primarily from an increase in net loans of \$80.4 million, partially offset by a decrease in loans held for sale of \$22.8 million.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents.** Cash and cash equivalents increased \$1.7 million, or 1.1%, to \$154.8 million at June 30, 2022 from \$153.1 million at December 31, 2021. The increase in cash and cash equivalents was primarily due to an increase in borrowings offset by a loan growth and a decrease in deposits.

**Loans.** At June 30, 2022, net loans were \$1.51 billion, or 84.7% of total assets, compared to \$1.43 billion, or 82.9% of total assets, at December 31, 2021. Increases in commercial loans of \$70.1 million, or 9.7%, construction and land development loans of \$24.7 million, or 57.8%, and residential loans of \$9.1 million, or 1,119.5%, were partially offset by decreases in mortgage warehouse loans of \$14.0 million, or 5.5%, commercial real estate loans of \$10.1 million, or 2.3%, and consumer loans of \$799,000, or 52.6%. The increase in residential loans is due to the reclassification of unsold residential loans from held for sale to held for investment during the second quarter. Our commercial loan growth was primarily due to growth in our enterprise value portfolio, loans to digital asset companies and a \$30.0 million cash-secured loan originated during the first quarter. Our enterprise value portfolio increased \$39.5 million, or 11.6%, to \$379.8 million compared to \$340.3 million at December 31, 2021 and loans to digital asset companies increased \$18.1 million, or 15.0%, to \$138.6 million compared to \$120.5 million at December 31, 2021. These increases in commercial loan growth were offset by a decrease in PPP loans of \$11.9 million, or 96.0%, and a decrease in our renewable energy loans of \$713,000, or 1.1%. For a detailed discussion of our enterprise value, renewable energy and loans to digital asset companies, see "Business – Lending Activities – Commercial Business Loans" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The following table sets forth the composition of our loan portfolio by type of loan at the dates indicated.

<i>(In thousands)</i>	At June 30, 2022		At December 31, 2021	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Commercial real estate	\$ 422,162	27.48%	\$ 432,275	29.66%
Commercial (1)	796,345	51.83%	726,241	49.83%
Residential real estate	9,902	0.64%	812	0.06%
Construction and land development	67,525	4.39%	42,800	2.94%
Consumer	720	0.05%	1,519	0.10%
Mortgage warehouse	239,791	15.61%	253,764	17.41%
	<u>1,536,445</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>1,457,411</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Allowance for loan losses	(18,972)		(19,496)	
Deferred loan fees, net	(3,228)		(4,112)	
Net loans	<u>\$ 1,514,245</u>		<u>\$ 1,433,803</u>	

(1) Includes \$138.6 million and \$120.5 million in loans to digital asset companies at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

**Deposits.** Total deposits decreased \$20.0 million, or 1.4%, to \$1.44 billion at June 30, 2022 from \$1.46 billion at December 31, 2021. The decrease in deposits was primarily due to a decrease of \$129.8 million, or 30.9% in money market accounts and a decrease of \$11.8 million, or 19.5%, in certificate of deposit accounts, partially offset by an increase of \$69.4 million, or 35.1%, in NOW deposits, and an increase of \$48.8 million, or 7.8%, in demand deposits. The decrease in money market and certificate of deposit accounts was primarily related to runoff of traditional deposits due to the Bank's increased focus on growing noninterest-bearing deposit balances. Demand deposits increased primarily due to new and expanded relationships with traditional, digital asset, and banking as a service ("BaaS") customers. BaaS deposit balances increased \$37.0 million, or 61.8%, and were \$96.9 million at June 30, 2022 compared to \$59.9 million at December 31, 2021. Digital asset customer deposit balances increased \$5.1 million, or 5.1%, and were \$104.7 million at June 30, 2022 compared to \$99.7 million at December 31, 2021. The expansion in our BaaS and digital asset relationships are the direct result of initiatives by the Bank to expand our services and customer base in these spaces. As of June 30, 2022, noninterest-bearing deposits represented 46.9% of total deposits compared to 42.9% as of December 31, 2021. With the successful increases in our BaaS and digital asset customer deposits, we were able to decrease interest-bearing deposits by not replacing brokered certificates of deposit as they matured.

<i>(In thousands)</i>	At June 30, 2022	At December 31, 2021
Noninterest-bearing:		
Demand (1)(2)	\$ 675,411	\$ 626,587
Interest-bearing:		
NOW	267,333	197,884
Regular savings	158,593	155,267
Money market deposits (3)	289,802	419,625
Certificates of deposit:		
Certificate accounts of \$250,000 or more	5,515	5,078
Certificate accounts less than \$250,000	43,218	55,454
Total interest-bearing	764,461	833,308
Total deposits	<u>\$ 1,439,872</u>	<u>\$ 1,459,895</u>

(1) Includes \$104.7 million and \$99.7 million in digital asset customer deposits at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

(2) Includes \$96.9 million and \$59.9 million in BaaS deposits at June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, respectively.

(3) Includes \$10.1 million in digital asset customer deposits at December 31, 2021, there were no interest-bearing digital asset customer deposits at June 30, 2022.



**Borrowings.** Borrowings increased \$78.0 million, or 577.8%, to \$91.5 million at June 30, 2022, from \$13.5 million at December 31, 2021. The increase was due to \$78.0 million in overnight borrowings which was used to fund loan growth.

**Shareholders' Equity.** Total shareholders' equity increased \$6.1 million, or 2.6%, to \$239.9 million at June 30, 2022, from \$233.8 million at December 31, 2021. The increase was primarily due to net income of \$11.1 million, stock based compensation expense of \$913,000 and employee stock ownership plan shares earned of \$732,000, partially offset by the repurchase of 180,434 shares of common stock for \$2.9 million, other comprehensive loss of \$2.3 million, and \$1.3 million from dividends paid. Book value per share increased to \$13.54 at June 30, 2022 from \$13.09 at December 31, 2021.

**Asset Quality.**

The following table sets forth information regarding our non-performing assets at the dates indicated.

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	At June 30, 2022	At December 31, 2021
Non-accrual loans:		
Commercial real estate	\$ —	\$ —
Commercial	301	2,080
Residential real estate	303	812
Construction and land development	—	—
Consumer	4	—
Mortgage warehouse	—	—
Total non-accrual loans	<u>608</u>	<u>2,892</u>
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more	—	—
Other real estate owned	—	—
Total non-performing assets	<u>\$ 608</u>	<u>\$ 2,892</u>
Total loans (1)	\$ 1,533,217	\$ 1,453,299
Total assets	\$ 1,788,025	\$ 1,729,283
Total non-performing loans to total loans (1)	0.04%	0.20%
Total non-performing assets to total assets	0.03%	0.17%

(1) Loans are presented before the allowance for loan losses but include deferred fees/costs.

Non-accrual commercial loan balances decreased for the six-month period ended June 30, 2022 primarily due to a \$1.2 million charge-off on a commercial relationship that was on non-accrual status and fully reserved for at December 31, 2021, and another \$351,000 charge-off on a commercial relationship that was on non-accrual status with specific reserves of \$343,000 at December 31, 2021. The remaining balance of \$100,000 related to this relationship remains on non-accrual with no specific reserve due to sufficient collateral coverage. Non-accrual residential real estate loan balances decreased for the six-month period ended June 30, 2022 primarily due to the sale at foreclosure of a \$411,000 residential relationship that was on non-accrual status at December 31, 2021.

The Company has cooperative relationships with the vast majority of its non-performing loan customers. Repayment of non-performing loans is largely dependent on the return of such loans to performing status or the liquidation of the underlying collateral. The Company pursues the resolution of all non-performing loans through collections, restructures, voluntary liquidation of collateral by the borrower and, where necessary, legal action. When attempts to work with a customer to return a loan to performing status, including restructuring the loan, are unsuccessful, the Company will initiate appropriate legal action seeking to acquire property by deed in lieu of foreclosure or through foreclosure, or to liquidate business assets.

**Allowance for Loan Losses.** The allowance for loan losses is maintained at levels considered adequate by management to provide for probable loan losses inherent in the loan portfolio as of the consolidated balance sheet reporting dates. The allowance for loan losses is based on management's assessment of various factors affecting the loan portfolio, including loan growth, portfolio composition, delinquent and non-accrual loans, national and local business and economic conditions and loss experience and an overall evaluation of the quality of the underlying collateral.

The following table sets forth activity in our allowance for loan losses for the periods indicated:

<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2022	2021
Allowance at beginning of period	\$ 19,496	\$ 18,518
Provision for loan losses	1,088	2,422
Charge offs:		
Commercial real estate	—	150
Commercial	1,689	1,409
Residential real estate	—	—
Construction and land development	—	—
Consumer	35	191
Mortgage warehouse	—	—
Total charge-offs	<u>1,724</u>	<u>1,750</u>
Recoveries:		
Commercial real estate	—	81
Commercial	93	97
Residential real estate	—	2
Construction and land development	—	—
Consumer	19	42
Mortgage warehouse	—	—
Total recoveries	<u>112</u>	<u>222</u>
Net charge-offs	<u>1,612</u>	<u>1,528</u>
Allowance at end of period	<u>\$ 18,972</u>	<u>\$ 19,412</u>
Non-performing loans at end of period	\$ 608	\$ 4,666
Total loans outstanding at end of period (1)	1,533,217	1,354,047
Average loans outstanding during the period (1)	1,467,122	1,310,127
Allowance to non-performing loans	3,120.39%	416.03%
Allowance to total loans outstanding at end of period	1.24%	1.43%
Net charge-offs to average loans outstanding during the period (annualized)	0.22%	0.23%

(1) Loans are presented before the allowance for loan losses but include deferred fees/costs

During the six months ended June 30, 2022, the provision for loan losses was \$1.1 million compared to \$2.4 million for the same period in 2021. The changes in the provision were based on management's assessment of economic conditions, loan portfolio growth and composition changes, historical charge-off trends, levels of problem loans and other asset quality trends.

#### Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

**General.** Net income increased \$2.5 million, or 77.5%, to \$5.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2022 from \$3.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021. The increase was primarily related to an increase of \$4.0 million in net interest and dividend income, a decrease in provision for loan losses of \$664,000, and an increase in noninterest income of \$449,000, partially offset by increases in noninterest expense of \$1.8 million and income tax expense of \$847,000.

**Interest and Dividend Income.** Interest and dividend income increased \$3.6 million, or 23.5%, to \$19.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2022 from \$15.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in interest and fees on loans, which increased \$3.3 million, or 21.3%, to \$18.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2022 from \$15.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021. The increase in interest income on loans was primarily due to an increase in the average balance of loans of \$162.3 million, or 12.5%, to \$1.47 billion for the three months ended June 30, 2022, from \$1.30 billion for the three months ended June 30, 2021.

**Interest Expense.** Interest expense decreased \$363,000, or 43.3%, to \$547,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2022 from \$910,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2021. The decrease was caused by decreases in interest expense on deposits which decreased \$363,000, or 43.3%, to \$476,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2022 from \$839,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2021. This was primarily due to a decrease in average interest-bearing deposits of \$19.3 million, or 2.3%, which was the result of strategic initiatives of the Bank. Also contributing to the decrease in interest expense was a decrease in the cost of interest-bearing deposits of 17 basis points to 0.24% for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 when compared to the same quarter in 2021.

**Net Interest and Dividend Income.** Net interest and dividend income increased by \$4.0 million, or 27.4%, to \$18.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2022 from \$14.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021. The growth in net interest and dividend income was primarily the result of an increase in our average interest earning assets of \$240.3 million, or 16.3% and an increase in net interest margin of 38 basis points to 4.33%.

**Provision for Loan Losses.** The provision for loan losses was \$1.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2022 compared to \$1.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021, which was a decrease of \$664,000, or 39.8%. The changes in the provision were based on loan portfolio growth and composition changes, historical charge-off trends, levels of problem loans, and other asset quality trends. The provision recorded resulted in an allowance for loan losses of \$19.0 million, or 1.24% of total loans, at June 30, 2022, compared to \$19.5 million, or 1.34% of total loans, at December 31, 2021, and \$19.4 million, or 1.43% of total loans, at June 30, 2021.

**Noninterest Income.** Noninterest income increased \$449,000, or 40.7%, to \$1.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2022 compared to \$1.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021. The increase was primarily due to an increase in net gains on loans sold and customer service fees on deposit accounts. Net gains on loans sold totaled \$187,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 and were primarily due to the sale of residential mortgage loans totaling \$10.7 million; there were no gains on loans sold for the quarter ended June 30, 2021. Customer services fees on deposit accounts increased \$186,000, or 43.0%, which is primarily attributable to fees generated from cash vault services for our customers who operate Bitcoin ATMs, as well as growth in our business accounts related to our deposit services for digital asset and BaaS customers.

**Noninterest Expense.** Noninterest expense increased \$1.8 million, or 19.0%, to \$11.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2022 compared to \$9.5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021. The increase in noninterest expense is primarily due to an increase in salaries and employee benefits, insurance expense, other expense and professional fees. The increase of \$618,000, or 9.2%, in salary and employee benefits was primarily due to an increase in staff to support business growth, including the development and implementation of new technologies and specialty lending products. The increase in insurance expense of \$410,000, or 1,078.9%, is due to a renewal and reassessment that incorporates consideration of our loan and deposit services for digital asset customers. Other expense increased \$396,000, or 51.8%, primarily due to costs related to the onboarding of new lending customers in the digital asset space, recruitment expense, and cost paid for employees to attend trainings and conferences. Professional fees increased \$240,000, or 51.2%, primarily due to increase legal fees, audit and compliance costs, and fees paid for contracted employees.

**Income Tax Provision.** We recorded a provision for income taxes of \$2.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2022, reflecting an effective tax rate of 28.0%, compared to a provision of \$1.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2021, reflecting an effective tax rate of 29.8%.

## Average Balance Sheet and Related Yields and Rates

The following table sets forth the average balance sheets, annualized average yields and costs, and certain other information for the periods indicated. No tax-equivalent yield adjustments have been made, as the amount of tax free interest-earning assets is immaterial. All average balances are daily average balances. Non-accrual loans were included in the computation of average balances. The yields set forth below include the effect of deferred fees, discounts, and premiums that are amortized or accreted to interest income or interest expense.

	For the Three Months Ended					
	June 30, 2022			June 30, 2021		
(Dollars in thousands)	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Yield/ Rate (6)	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Yield/ Rate (6)
<b>Assets:</b>						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans (1)(2)	\$ 1,465,000	\$ 18,558	5.07%	\$ 1,302,699	\$ 15,298	4.70%
Short-term investments	219,555	400	0.73%	140,985	29	0.08%
Debt securities available-for-sale	32,687	190	2.33%	33,798	183	2.17%
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	1,388	4	1.15%	843	3	1.42%
Total interest-earning assets	1,718,630	19,152	4.46%	1,478,325	15,513	4.20%
Non-interest earning assets	88,932			70,357		
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,807,562</u>			<u>\$ 1,548,682</u>		
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity:</b>						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Savings accounts	\$ 152,932	\$ 51	0.13%	\$ 151,381	\$ 56	0.15%
Money market accounts	331,998	211	0.25%	375,537	447	0.48%
NOW accounts	264,038	135	0.20%	157,845	89	0.23%
Certificates of deposit	58,781	79	0.54%	142,258	247	0.69%
Total interest-bearing deposits	807,749	476	0.24%	827,021	839	0.41%
Borrowings						
Short-term borrowings	857	—	—%	—	—	
Long-term borrowings	13,500	71	2.10%	13,500	71	2.10%
Total borrowings	14,357	71	1.98%	13,500	71	
Total interest-bearing liabilities	822,106	547	0.27%	840,521	910	0.43%
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:						
Noninterest-bearing deposits	726,623			452,766		
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	19,568			18,731		
Total liabilities	1,568,297			1,312,018		
Total equity	239,265			236,664		
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 1,807,562</u>			<u>\$ 1,548,682</u>		
Net interest income		<u>\$ 18,605</u>			<u>\$ 14,603</u>	
Interest rate spread (3)			<u>4.19%</u>			<u>3.77%</u>
Net interest-earning assets (4)	<u>\$ 896,524</u>			<u>\$ 637,804</u>		
Net interest margin (5)			<u>4.33%</u>			<u>3.95%</u>
Average interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities	<u>209.05%</u>			<u>175.88%</u>		

(1) Interest earned/paid on loans includes fee income related to SBA loan fee accretion of \$96,000 and \$614,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, respectively. Interest earned/paid on loans also includes mortgage warehouse loan origination fee income of \$239,000 and \$290,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, respectively.

(2) Includes loans held for sale.

(3) Net interest rate spread represents the difference between the weighted average yield on interest-bearing assets and the weighted average of interest-bearing liabilities.

- (4) Net interest-earning assets represent total interest earning assets less total interest-bearing liabilities.  
(5) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.  
(6) Annualized.

### Rate/Volume Analysis

The following table sets forth the effects of changing rates and volumes on our net interest income. The rate column shows the effects attributable to changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior volume). The volume column shows the effect attributable to changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate). The total column represents the sum of the prior columns. For purposes of this table, changes attributable to changes in both rate and volume that cannot be segregated have been allocated proportionately based on the changes due to rate and the changes due to volume.

<i>(In thousands)</i>	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2022 Compared to the Three Months Ended June 30, 2021		
	Increase (Decrease) Due to		Total
	Rate	Volume	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Interest-earning assets:</b>			
Loans	\$ 1,262	\$ 1,998	\$ 3,260
Short-term investments	346	25	371
Debt securities available-for-sale	13	(6)	7
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(1)	2	1
Total interest-earning assets	<u>1,620</u>	<u>2,019</u>	<u>3,639</u>
<b>Interest-bearing liabilities:</b>			
Savings accounts	(6)	1	(5)
Money market accounts	(189)	(47)	(236)
NOW accounts	(9)	55	46
Certificates of deposit	(47)	(121)	(168)
Total interest-bearing deposits	<u>(251)</u>	<u>(112)</u>	<u>(363)</u>
<b>Borrowings</b>			
Short-term borrowings	—	—	—
Long-term borrowings	—	—	—
Total borrowings	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total interest-bearing liabilities	<u>(251)</u>	<u>(112)</u>	<u>(363)</u>
Change in net interest income	<u>\$ 1,871</u>	<u>\$ 2,131</u>	<u>\$ 4,002</u>

### Results of Operations for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021

**General.** Net income increased \$3.6 million, or 49.3%, to \$11.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 from \$7.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021. The increase was primarily related to an increase of \$7.0 million in net interest and dividend income, a decrease in provision for loan losses of \$1.3 million, and an increase in noninterest income of \$751,000, partially offset by increases in noninterest expense of \$4.0 million and income tax expense of \$1.4 million.

**Interest and Dividend Income.** Interest and dividend income increased \$6.2 million, or 19.7%, to \$37.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 from \$31.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase in interest and fees on loans, which increased \$5.8 million, or 18.6%, to \$36.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 from \$30.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021. The increase in interest income on loans was primarily due to an increase in the average balance of loans of \$160.0 million, or 12.0%, to \$1.47 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2022, from \$1.31 billion for the six months ended June 30, 2021.

**Interest Expense.** Interest expense decreased \$819,000, or 43.3%, to \$1.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 from \$1.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021. The decrease was caused by decreases in interest expense on deposits which decreased \$819,000, or 46.8%, to \$931,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2022 from \$1.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021. This was primarily due to a decrease in average interest-bearing deposits of \$32.9 million, or 3.9%, which was the result of strategic initiatives of the Bank. Also contributing to the decrease in interest expense was a decrease in the cost of interest-bearing deposits of 19 basis points to 0.23% for the six months ended June 30, 2022 when compared to the same quarter in 2021.

**Net Interest and Dividend Income.** Net interest and dividend income increased by \$8.4 million, or 30.8%, to \$36.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 from \$29.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021. The growth in net interest and dividend income was primarily the result of an increase in our average interest earning assets of \$210.7 million, or 14.3% and an increase in net interest margin of 33 basis points to 4.35%.

**Provision for Loan Losses.** The provision for loan losses was \$1.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 compared to \$2.4 million for the six months ended Jun 30, 2021, which was a decrease of \$1.3 million, or 55.1%. The changes in the provision were based on loan portfolio growth and composition changes, historical charge-off trends, levels of problem loans, and other asset quality trends.

**Noninterest Income.** Noninterest income increased \$751,000, or 35.4%, to \$2.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 compared to \$2.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021. The increase was primarily due to an increase in customer service fees on deposit accounts of \$388,000, or 47.8%, an increase of \$275,000, or 3,055.6% in net gains on sold loans, and an increase in bank owned life insurance income of \$72,000, or 16.3%. The increase in customer service fees on deposit accounts is attributable to fees generated from cash vault services for our customers who operate Bitcoin ATMs, as well as growth in our business accounts related to our deposit services for digital asset and BaaS customers. The increase in net gains on sold loans was primarily due to the sale of residential mortgage loans totaling \$10.7 million in June. The increase in bank owned life insurance income is primarily due to the purchase of additional insurance policies in the fourth quarter of 2021.

**Noninterest Expense.** Noninterest expense increased \$4.0 million, or 21.4%, to \$22.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 compared to \$18.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021. The increase in noninterest expense is primarily due to an increase in salaries and employee benefits, insurance expense, professional fees and other expenses, as well as a write down of a receivable balance in the first half of 2022. The increase of \$1.3 million, or 10.1%, in salary and employee benefits was primarily due to an increase in staff to support business growth, including the development and implementation of new technologies and specialty lending products. The increase in insurance expense of \$823,000, or 1,143.1%, is due to a renewal and reassessment that incorporates consideration of our loan and deposit services for digital asset customers. The increase in professional fees of \$537,000, or 59.7%, was primarily due to increased legal fees, audit and compliance, and fees paid for contracted employees. The increase in other expenses of \$537,000, or 34.9%, was primarily due to costs related to the onboarding of new lending customers in the digital asset space, recruitment expenses, and costs paid for employees to attend trainings and conferences. Also contributing to the increase in noninterest expense was the write down of an SBA receivable in the first quarter of 2022 that occurred after the Company evaluated the collectability and determined that \$395,000 was uncollectible.

**Income Tax Provision.** We recorded a provision for income taxes of \$4.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022, reflecting an effective tax rate of 28.4%, compared to a provision of \$3.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2021, reflecting an effective tax rate of 28.7%.

## Average Balance Sheet and Related Yields and Rates

The following table sets forth the average balance sheets, annualized average yields and costs, and certain other information for the periods indicated. No tax-equivalent yield adjustments have been made, as the amount of tax free interest-earning assets is immaterial. All average balances are daily average balances. Non-accrual loans were included in the computation of average balances. The yields set forth below include the effect of deferred fees, discounts, and premiums that are amortized or accreted to interest income or interest expense.

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,					
	2022			2021		
(Dollars in thousands)	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Yield/ Rate (6)	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Yield/ Rate (6)
<b>Assets:</b>						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans (1)(2)	\$ 1,467,122	\$ 36,770	5.01%	\$ 1,310,127	\$ 30,995	4.73%
Short-term investments	178,483	459	0.51%	126,671	52	0.08%
Debt securities available-for-sale	34,245	365	2.13%	32,578	348	2.14%
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	1,088	8	1.47%	869	7	1.61%
Total interest-earning assets	1,680,938	37,602	4.47%	1,470,245	31,402	4.27%
Non-interest earning assets	87,247			68,269		
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,768,185</u>			<u>\$ 1,538,514</u>		
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity:</b>						
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Savings accounts	\$ 153,205	\$ 91	0.12%	\$ 151,378	\$ 111	0.15%
Money market accounts	362,268	460	0.25%	375,309	924	0.49%
NOW accounts	228,498	218	0.19%	155,582	187	0.24%
Certificates of deposit	59,699	162	0.54%	154,256	528	0.68%
Total interest-bearing deposits	803,670	931	0.23%	836,525	1,750	0.42%
Borrowings						
Short-term borrowings	431	—		—	—	
Long-term borrowings	13,500	141		13,500	141	
Total borrowings	13,931	141	2.02%	13,500	141	2.09%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	817,601	1,072	0.26%	850,025	1,891	0.44%
Noninterest-bearing liabilities:						
Noninterest-bearing deposits	692,394			432,670		
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	20,312			18,361		
Total liabilities	1,530,307			1,301,056		
Total equity	237,878			237,458		
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 1,768,185</u>			<u>\$ 1,538,514</u>		
Net interest income		<u>\$ 36,530</u>			<u>\$ 29,511</u>	
Interest rate spread (3)			<u>4.21%</u>			<u>3.83%</u>
Net interest-earning assets (4)	<u>\$ 863,337</u>			<u>\$ 620,220</u>		
Net interest margin (5)			<u>4.35%</u>			<u>4.01%</u>
Average interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities	<u>205.59%</u>			<u>172.96%</u>		

(1) Interest earned/paid on loans includes fee income related to SBA loan fee accretion of \$468,000 and \$1.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, respectively. Interest earned/paid on loans also includes mortgage warehouse loan origination fee income of \$580,000 and \$678,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, respectively.

(2) Includes loans held for sale.

- (3) Net interest rate spread represents the difference between the weighted average yield on interest-bearing assets and the weighted average of interest-bearing liabilities.
- (4) Net interest-earning assets represent total interest earning assets less total interest-bearing liabilities.
- (5) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average total interest-earning assets.
- (6) Annualize

### Rate/Volume Analysis

The following table sets forth the effects of changing rates and volumes on our net interest income. The rate column shows the effects attributable to changes in rate (changes in rate multiplied by prior volume). The volume column shows the effect attributable to changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate). The total column represents the sum of the prior columns. For purposes of this table, changes attributable to changes in both rate and volume that cannot be segregated have been allocated proportionately based on the changes due to rate and the changes due to volume

<i>(In thousands)</i>	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2022 Compared to the Six Months Ended June 30, 2021		
	Increase (Decrease) Due to		Total
	Rate	Volume	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Interest-earning assets:</b>			
Loans	\$ 1,913	\$ 3,862	\$ 5,775
Short-term investments	378	29	407
Investment securities	(1)	18	17
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	(1)	2	1
Total interest-earning assets	2,289	3,911	6,200
<b>Interest-bearing liabilities:</b>			
Savings accounts	(21)	1	(20)
Money Market accounts	(433)	(31)	(464)
NOW accounts	(44)	75	31
Certificates of deposit	(92)	(274)	(366)
Total interest-bearing deposits	(590)	(229)	(819)
<b>Borrowings</b>			
Short-term borrowings	—	—	—
Long-term borrowings	—	—	—
Total borrowings	—	—	—
Total interest-bearing liabilities	(590)	(229)	(819)
Change in net interest income	\$ 2,879	\$ 4,140	\$ 7,019

### Management of Market Risk

**Net Interest Income Simulation.** We analyze our sensitivity to changes in interest rates through a net interest income simulation model. Net interest income is the difference between the interest income we earn on our interest-earning assets, such as loans and securities, and the interest we pay on our interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits and borrowings. We estimate what our net interest income would be for a 12-month period in the current interest rate environment. We then calculate what the net interest income would be for the same period under the assumption that interest rates increase 200 basis points from current market rates and under the assumption that interest rates decrease 100 basis points from current market rates, with changes in interest rates representing immediate and permanent, parallel shifts in the yield curve.



The following table presents the estimated changes in net interest income of the Company that would result from changes in market interest rates over twelve-month periods beginning Jun 30, 2022.

	At June 30, 2022	
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Estimated Net Interest Income Over Next 12 Months	Change
Changes in Interest Rates (Basis Points)		
200	\$ 76,236	4.70%
0	72,791	—
(100)	67,202	(7.70)%
(200)	61,339	(15.70)%

**Economic Value of Equity Simulation.** We also analyze the sensitivity of our financial condition to changes in interest rates through an economic value of equity (“EVE”) model. EVE represents the present value of the expected cash flows from our assets less the present value of the expected cash flows arising from our liabilities adjusted for the value of off-balance sheet contracts. The EVE ratio represents the dollar amount of our EVE divided by the present value of our total assets for a given interest rate scenario. EVE attempts to quantify our economic value using a discounted cash flow methodology while the EVE ratio reflects that value as a form of capital ratio. We estimate what our EVE would be as of a specific date. We then calculate what EVE would be as of the same date throughout a series of interest rate scenarios representing immediate and permanent, parallel shifts in the yield curve. We currently calculate EVE under the assumptions that interest rates increase 100, 200, 300 and 400 basis points from current market rates, and under the assumption that interest rates decrease 100 basis points from current market rates.

The following table presents the estimated changes in EVE of the Company that would result from changes in market interest rates as of June 30, 2022.

	At June 30, 2022	
<i>(Dollars in thousands)</i>	Economic Value of Equity	Change
Changes in Interest Rates (Basis Points)		
400	\$ 384,126	(0.30)%
300	384,086	(0.30)%
200	383,859	(0.30)%
100	386,739	0.40%
0	385,161	—
(100)	367,068	(4.70)%
(200)	348,923	(9.40)%

Certain shortcomings are inherent in the methodologies used in the above interest rate risk measurements. Modeling changes require making certain assumptions that may or may not reflect the manner in which actual yields and costs respond to changes in market interest rates. In this regard, the tables presented above assume that the composition of our interest-sensitive assets and liabilities existing at the beginning of a period remains constant over the period being measured and assume that a particular change in interest rates is reflected uniformly across the yield curve regardless of the duration or repricing of specific assets and liabilities. Accordingly, although the tables provide an indication of our interest rate risk exposure at a particular point in time, such measurements are not intended to and do not provide a precise forecast of the effect of changes in market interest rates on our net interest income and will differ from actual results.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity is the ability to meet current and future financial obligations of a short-term nature. Our primary sources of funds consist of deposit inflows, loan repayments and maturities, FHLB advances, and sales of securities. While maturities and scheduled amortization

of loans and securities are predictable sources of funds, deposit flows, mortgage prepayments and sales of securities are greatly influenced by general interest rates, economic conditions and competition.

We regularly review the need to adjust our investments in liquid assets based upon our assessment of: (1) expected loan demand, (2) expected deposit flows and identified volatile deposits, (3) yields available on interest-earning deposits and securities, and (4) the objectives of our asset/liability management program. Excess liquid assets are primarily invested in mortgage-backed securities backed by government sponsored entities, collateralized mortgage obligations, municipal bonds and asset-backed securities.

Our most liquid assets are cash and cash equivalents. The levels of these assets are dependent on our operating, financing, lending and investing activities during any given period. At June 30, 2022, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$154.8 million. Securities classified as available-for-sale, which provide additional sources of liquidity, totaled \$31.2 million at June 30, 2022. Warehouse loans that have a short-term duration also provide additional sources of liquidity. The balance that meets the definition of a liquid asset totaled \$204.8 million as of June 30, 2022.

At June 30, 2022, we had the ability to borrow \$110.7 million from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston. On that date, we had \$91.5 million in advances outstanding. At June 30, 2022, we also had an available line of credit with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's borrower-in-custody program of \$247.3 million, none of which was outstanding as of that date.

We have no material commitments or demands that are likely to affect our liquidity other than as set forth below. In the event loan demand were to increase faster than expected, or any unforeseen demand or commitment were to occur, we could access our borrowing capacity with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston or obtain additional funds through brokered certificates of deposit.

We are a party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of our customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit, which involve elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets. At June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, we had \$71.2 million and \$16.4 million in loan commitments outstanding, respectively. In addition to commitments to originate loans, at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, we had \$388.4 million and \$307.5 million in unadvanced funds to borrowers, respectively. We also had \$1.6 million and \$1.3 million in outstanding letters of credit at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

A significant decrease in deposits could result in the Company having to seek other sources of funds, including brokered certificates of deposit, QwickRate deposits, and Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston advances. Depending on market conditions, we may be required to pay higher rates on such deposits or other borrowings than we currently pay. We believe, however, based on past experience that a significant portion of our deposits will remain with us. We have the ability to attract and retain deposits by adjusting the interest rates offered.

Non-core deposits, or volatile deposits, are accounts where full banking services are not utilized or there is significant volatility expected. The Company has identified \$24.0 million and \$44.0 million in volatile deposits as of June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

The Company maintains access to multiple sources of liquidity. We have utilized wholesale funding markets and have remained open but with rates that have been volatile. If funding costs are elevated for an extended period of time, it could have an adverse effect on the Company's net interest margin. If an extended recession causes large numbers of the Company's deposit customers to withdraw their funds, the Company might become more reliant on volatile or more expensive sources of funding.

The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the Massachusetts Commissioner of Banks and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. At June 30, 2022, the Bank exceeded all applicable regulatory capital requirements, and was considered "well capitalized" under regulatory guidelines. See Note 9 of the Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

See Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations".

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of June 30, 2022. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

During the quarter ended June 30, 2022, there have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**Part II – Other Information**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

Not applicable.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Not applicable to a smaller reporting company.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) On March 12, 2021, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had adopted a stock repurchase program under which it would repurchase up to 1,400,000 shares of its common stock, or approximately 7.5% of the then-current outstanding shares. The repurchase program has no expiration date. The Company's repurchases of common stock for the second quarter of 2022, under the repurchase program is as follows:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
April 1, 2022 - April 30, 2022	2,315	\$ 15.57	—	339,726
May 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022	28,828	\$ 15.10	28,828	310,898
June 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022	56,377	\$ 15.91	56,377	254,521
Total	<u>87,520</u>	\$ 15.63	<u>85,205</u>	

(1) Shares repurchased are related to the surrendering of shares to cover tax withholdings on vested restricted stock awards.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

## Item 6. Exhibits

<a href="#">3.1</a>	<a href="#">Articles of Incorporation of Provident Bancorp, Inc. (1)</a>
<a href="#">3.2</a>	<a href="#">Bylaws of Provident Bancorp, Inc. (1)</a>
<a href="#">3.3</a>	<a href="#">Amendment to Bylaws (2)</a>
<a href="#">31.1</a>	<a href="#">Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a>
<a href="#">31.2</a>	<a href="#">Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a>
<a href="#">32</a>	<a href="#">Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a>
101	The following financial statements from the Provident Bancorp, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2022, formatted in Inline Extensible Business Reporting Language (iXBRL): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income; (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income; (iv) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity; (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (vi) Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as iXBRL and contained in exhibit 101).

- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (file no. 333-232018), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 7, 2019.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (file no. 001-39090), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2021.

**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.

Date: August 12, 2022

Date: August 12, 2022

**PROVIDENT BANCORP, INC.**

/s/ David P. Mansfield

David P. Mansfield

President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Carol L. Houle

Carol L. Houle

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Exhibit 31.1**

**Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, David P. Mansfield, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Provident Bancorp, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors:
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 12, 2022

/s/ David P. Mansfield

David P. Mansfield  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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**Exhibit 31.2**

**Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Carol L. Houle, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Provident Bancorp, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors:
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 12, 2022

/s/ Carol L. Houle

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Carol L. Houle

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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**Exhibit 32**

**Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

David P. Mansfield, President and Chief Executive Officer of Provident Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”), and Carol L. Houle, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each certify in his or her capacity as an officer of the Company that they have reviewed the quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 (the “Report”) and that to the best of their knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: August 12, 2022

/s/ David P. Mansfield

David P. Mansfield  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 12, 2022

/s/ Carol L. Houle

Carol L. Houle  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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