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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-38991

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland

83-4274253

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation
or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

652 Albany Shaker Road, Albany New York

12211

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(518) 730-3025

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	PBFS	The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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 reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing 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 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or 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, a 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 Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

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

The aggregate value of the voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, computed by reference to the closing price of the common stock of \$10.57 as of December 31, 2020 was \$112.1 million.

As of September 27, 2021 there were 25,977,679 shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The registrant incorporates by reference its definitive Proxy Statement with respect to its 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days following the end of its fiscal year, into (Part III) of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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PART I

ITEM 1. Business

Forward Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which can be identified by the use of words such as “estimate,” “project,” “believe,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “plan,” “seek,” “expect” or words of similar meaning, or future or conditional verbs, such as “will,” “would,” “should,” “could,” or “may.” A forward-looking statement is neither a prediction nor a guarantee of future events. Certain forward-looking statements are included in this Form 10-K, principally in the sections captioned “Business,” “Risk Factors,” and “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.” These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- statements of our goals, intentions and expectations;
- statements regarding our business plans, prospects, growth and operating strategies;
- statements regarding the quality of our loan and investment portfolios; and
- estimates of our risks and future costs and benefits.

These forward-looking statements are based on current beliefs and expectations of our management and are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control. In addition, these forward-looking statements are subject to assumptions with respect to future business strategies and decisions that are subject to change.

In addition, the factors described under Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates in Part II, Item 7, and Risk Factors in Part I, Item 1A, as well as other possible factors not listed, could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, the following:

- risks and uncertainties related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic and resulting governmental and societal response;
- risks and uncertainties related to the Restatement of certain of our historical consolidated financial statements;
- risks related to the variety of litigation and other proceedings described in the “Legal Proceedings” section;
- general economic conditions, either nationally or in our market area, that are worse than expected;
- risks that COVID-19 may adversely impact our customers and lead to a long-term economic recession and continuing a severe disruption in the U.S. economy, and could potentially create business continuity issues for us;
- competition within our market area that is stronger than expected;
- changes in the level and direction of loan delinquencies and charge-offs and changes in estimates of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses;
- our ability to access cost-effective funding;

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- fluctuations in real estate values and both residential and commercial real estate market conditions;
- demand for loans and deposits in our market area;
- changes in our partnership with a third-party mortgage banking company;
- our ability to continue to implement our business strategies;
- competition among depository and other financial institutions;
- inflation and changes in market interest rates that reduce our margins and yields, reduce the fair value of financial instruments or reduce our volume of loan originations, or increase the level of defaults, losses and prepayments on loans we have made and make, whether held in portfolio or sold in the secondary market;
- adverse changes in the securities markets;
- changes in laws or government regulations or policies affecting financial institutions, including changes in regulatory fees and capital requirements;
- our ability to manage market risk, credit risk and operational risk;
- our ability to enter new markets successfully and capitalize on growth opportunities;
- the imposition of tariffs or other domestic or international governmental policies impacting the value of the products of our borrowers;
- our ability to successfully integrate into our operations any assets, liabilities or systems we may acquire, as well as new management personnel or customers, and our ability to realize related revenue synergies and cost savings within expected time frames and any goodwill charges related thereto;
- changes in consumer spending, borrowing and savings habits;
- our ability to maintain our reputation;
- our ability to prevent or mitigate fraudulent activity;
- changes in cost of legal expenses, including defending against significant litigation;
- changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the bank regulatory agencies, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board;
- our ability to retain key employees;
- our ability to evaluate the amount and timing of recognition of future tax assets and liabilities;
- our compensation expense associated with equity benefits allocated or awarded to our employees in the future; and
- changes in the financial condition, results of operations or future prospects of issuers of securities that we own.

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Because of these and other uncertainties, our actual future results may be materially different from the results indicated by these forward-looking statements. We disclaim any obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to reflect future events or developments.

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) is a Maryland corporation that was organized in March 2019 and owns all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Pioneer Bank (the “Bank”). On July 17, 2019, Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., became the holding company for the Bank, when it closed its stock offering in connection with the completion of the reorganization of the Bank into the two-tier mutual holding company form of organization. The Company sold 11,170,402 shares of common stock at a price of \$10.00 per share to depositors of the Bank for net proceeds of \$109.1 million, issued 14,287,723 shares of common stock to Pioneer Bancorp, MHC and contributed 519,554 shares of common stock to the Pioneer Bank Charitable Foundation. The Company’s common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “PBFS.”

As a result of the completed minority stock offering, the Company files interim, quarterly and annual reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). The SEC maintains an Internet site (www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers such as the Company that file electronically with the SEC. All filed SEC reports and interim filings can also be obtained from the Bank’s website (www.pioneerny.com), on the “Investor Relations” page, without charge from the Company.

The executive offices of the Company are located at 652 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, New York 12211, and its telephone number is (518) 730-3025. The Company is subject to comprehensive regulation and examination by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “Federal Reserve Board”) and the New York State Department of Financial Services (the “NYDFS”).

Pioneer Bancorp, MHC

Pioneer Bancorp, MHC was formed as a New York mutual holding company and will, for as long as it is in existence, own a majority of the outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock.

Pioneer Bancorp, MHC’s principal assets are the common stock of the Company it received in the reorganization and offering and \$100,000 in cash in initial capitalization. Presently, it is expected that the only business activity of Pioneer Bancorp, MHC will be to own a majority of the Company’s common stock. Pioneer Bancorp, MHC is authorized, however, to engage in any other business activities that are permissible for mutual holding companies under New York law, including investing in loans and securities. Pioneer Bancorp, MHC is subject to comprehensive regulation and examination by the Federal Reserve Board and NYDFS.

Pioneer Bank

General

Founded in 1889, Pioneer Bank is a New York-chartered savings bank that operates 22 retail banking offices in Albany, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady and Warren Counties in New York. We consider these six counties, Schoharie County and the surrounding areas, as our primary market area for our business operations. We attract deposits from the general public and municipalities and use those funds along with advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and funds generated from operations to originate commercial real estate loans, commercial and industrial loans, commercial construction loans and home equity loans and lines of credit and, to a lesser extent, consumer loans. Since January 2016, all of our one- to four-family residential real estate loans have been purchases through our relationship with Homestead Funding Corp., an unaffiliated mortgage banking company. We also invest in securities, which have historically consisted primarily of U.S. Government and agency obligations, municipal obligations and Federal Home Loan Bank of New York stock. We offer a variety of deposit accounts, including demand accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts and certificate of deposit accounts. Municipal deposit banking services are provided through a limited purpose commercial bank subsidiary, Pioneer Commercial Bank. The Bank also sells commercial and consumer

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insurance products and employee benefit products and services through Anchor Agency, Inc., its insurance agency subsidiary, and provides wealth management services through its subsidiary, Pioneer Financial Services, Inc.

At June 30, 2021, we had consolidated total assets of \$1.8 billion, total deposits of \$1.5 billion and shareholders' equity of \$237.8 million. The Bank is subject to comprehensive regulation and examination by the NYSDFS and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"). Our website address is www.pioneermy.com. Information on this website is not and should not be considered a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Market Area

Our primary market area encompasses Albany, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie and Warren Counties, which are located in the Capital Region of New York and include the cities of Albany, the capital of New York, Schenectady and Troy. Our offices are located in these counties and surrounding areas, with the exception of Schoharie County. The Capital Region has a diversified economy and representative industries include educational services, technology and health care, along with a strong state government workforce. Large employers in the Capital Region include General Electric, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., GlobalFoundries, the Golub Corporation, St. Peter's Health Partners, Albany Medical Center, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the State of New York.

The total population in our primary market area in 2021 is approximately 1.0 million, as estimated by Claritas, which provides demographic data based on U.S. Census and other data sources. Of the seven counties in our market area, Saratoga County has the highest level of median household income, estimated at \$91,331 in 2021 and projected to grow nearly 11.3% through 2026, and Greene County has the lowest median household income, estimated at \$58,055 in 2021 and projected to grow 5.4% through 2026, compared to the 2021 estimated median household income of \$74,403 and \$67,086 for New York and the United States as a whole, respectively.

As of June 30, 2021, unemployment rates, according to the New York State Department of Labor, were 4.8% for Albany County, 5.3% for Greene County, 4.8% for Rensselaer County, 4.2% for Saratoga County, 5.4% for Schenectady County, 4.8% for Schoharie County and 4.8% for Warren County. As of June 30, 2021, the unemployment for the United States, New York State and the Capital Region of New York was 5.9%, 7.3% and 4.7%, respectively.

We believe that we have developed products and services that will meet the financial needs of our current and future customer base; however, we plan, and believe it is necessary, to expand the range of products and services that we offer to be more competitive in our market area. Our marketing strategies focus on the strength of our knowledge of local consumer and small business markets, as well as expanding relationships with current customers and reaching out to develop new, profitable business relationships.

Competition

We face significant competition for deposits and loans. Our most direct competition for deposits has historically come from the numerous financial institutions operating in our market area (including other community banks and credit unions), many of which are significantly larger than we are and have greater resources. We also face competition for investors' funds from other sources such as brokerage firms, money market funds and mutual funds, as well as securities, such as Treasury bills, offered by the Federal Government. Based on FDIC data, at June 30, 2021 (the latest date for which information is available), we had 3.34% of the FDIC insured deposit market share in Albany County among the 21 institutions with offices in the county, 18.11% of the FDIC insured deposit market share in Rensselaer County among the 11 institutions with offices in the county, 3.10% of the FDIC insured deposit market share in Saratoga County among the 17 institutions with offices in the county, 1.23% of the FDIC insured deposit market share in Greene County among the seven institutions with offices in the county, 4.40% of the FDIC insured deposit market share in Schenectady County among the 13 institutions with offices in the county and 0.61% of the FDIC insured deposit market share in Warren County among the 10 institutions with offices in the county. In all six counties, either New York City money center banks (e.g. JP Morgan Chase and Bank of America) or large regional banks (e.g., Key Bank, Citizens Bank, M&T Bank and TD Bank) have a large presence.

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Our competition for loans comes primarily from the competitors referenced above and from other financial service providers, such as mortgage companies and mortgage brokers. Competition for loans also comes from the increasing number of non-depository financial service companies participating in the mortgage market, such as insurance companies, securities companies, financial technology companies, specialty finance firms and technology companies.

We expect competition to remain intense in the future as a result of legislative, regulatory and technological changes and the continuing trend of consolidation in the financial services industry. Technological advances, for example, have lowered barriers to entry, allowed banks to expand their geographic reach by providing services over the internet and made it possible for non-depository institutions, including financial technology companies, to offer products and services that traditionally have been provided by banks. Competition for deposits and the origination of loans could limit our growth in the future.

Lending Activities

General. Our principal lending activity has been originating commercial real estate loans (including multi-family real estate loans), commercial and industrial loans, commercial construction loans and home equity loans and lines of credit. Beginning in January 2016, we entered into a strategic partnership with Homestead Funding Corp., a mortgage banking company, to outsource our residential mortgage loan originations, underwriting and closing processes. Through this partnership, we refer our customers to the mortgage banking company and then we decide whether we want to purchase the one- to four-family residential real estate loans originated by the mortgage banking company for our portfolio.

Our commercial lending efforts focus on the small-to-medium sized business market, targeting borrowers with outstanding loan balances that typically range between \$2.5 million to \$10.0 million. We focus primarily on commercial real estate loans, commercial and industrial loans and commercial construction loans in our market area. As part of the commercial lending strategy, we will continue to use our commercial relationships to increase our commercial transactional deposit accounts.

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

	At June 30,									
	2021		2020		2019		2018		2017	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
(Dollars in thousands)										
Commercial:										
Commercial real estate	\$ 490,115	44.5 %	\$ 450,452	38.5 %	\$ 414,375	38.9 %	\$ 375,852	37.7 %	\$ 399,074	42.2 %
Commercial and industrial	167,912	15.2 %	237,223	20.3 %	183,262	17.2 %	194,183	19.5 %	179,908	19.1 %
Commercial construction ⁽¹⁾	64,914	5.9 %	91,805	7.8 %	85,274	8.0 %	84,569	8.5 %	67,928	7.2 %
One-to four-family residential real estate	279,508	25.3 %	279,960	23.9 %	281,388	26.4 %	249,635	25.0 %	202,733	21.5 %
Home equity loans and lines of credit	75,469	6.8 %	80,345	6.9 %	80,258	7.5 %	78,286	7.8 %	76,132	8.1 %
Consumer	25,568	2.3 %	30,860	2.6 %	21,482	2.0 %	14,977	1.5 %	18,042	1.9 %
Total loans receivable	1,103,486	100.0 %	1,170,645	100.0 %	1,066,039	100.0 %	997,502	100.0 %	943,817	100.0 %
Less:										
Net deferred loan costs	1,572		605		2,398		1,910		765	
Allowance for losses	(23,259)		(22,851)		(14,499)		(13,510)		(11,820)	
Total loans receivable, net	\$ 1,081,799		\$ 1,148,399		\$ 1,053,938		\$ 985,902		\$ 932,762	

(1) Represents amounts disbursed at June 30, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017. The undrawn amounts of the commercial construction loans totaled \$16.1 million, \$35.8 million, \$83.7 million, \$68.3 million and \$76.8 million at June 30, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Contractual Maturities. The following tables set forth the contractual maturities of our total loan portfolio at June 30, 2021. Demand loans, loans having no stated repayment schedule or maturity, and overdraft loans are reported as being due in one year or less. The table presents contractual maturities and does not reflect repricing or the effect of prepayments. Actual maturities may differ.

June 30, 2021	Commercial Real Estate	Commercial and Industrial	Commercial Construction (1)	One- to Four- Family Residential	Home Equity Loans and Lines of Credit	Consumer	Total
(In thousands)							
Amounts due in:							
One year or less	\$ 39,952	\$ 89,723	\$ 4,331	\$ 107	\$ 75	\$ 18,736	\$ 152,924
More than one to five years	138,604	63,873	38,345	3,314	2,342	4,960	251,438
More than five years	311,559	14,316	22,238	276,087	73,052	1,872	699,124
Total	\$ 490,115	\$ 167,912	\$ 64,914	\$ 279,508	\$ 75,469	\$ 25,568	\$ 1,103,486

(1) Includes commercial construction loans that convert to commercial real estate loans upon completion of the construction phase.

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The following table sets forth our fixed and adjustable-rate loans at June 30, 2021 that are contractually due after June 30, 2022.

	Due After June 30, 2022		
	Fixed	Adjustable	Total
	(In thousands)		
Commercial:			
Commercial real estate	\$ 40,942	\$ 409,221	\$ 450,163
Commercial and industrial	59,631	18,558	78,189
Commercial construction	3,242	57,341	60,583
One- to four-family residential real estate	250,967	28,434	279,401
Home equity loans and lines of credit	43,185	32,209	75,394
Consumer	5,652	1,180	6,832
Total loans	<u>\$ 403,619</u>	<u>\$ 546,943</u>	<u>\$ 950,562</u>

Commercial Real Estate Loans. At June 30, 2021, we had \$490.1 million in commercial real estate loans, representing 44.5% of our total loan portfolio. Our commercial real estate loans are secured primarily by office buildings, industrial facilities, retail facilities, multi-family properties and other commercial properties, substantially all of which are located in our primary market area. At June 30, 2021, multi-family residential real estate loans, which are described below, totaled \$79.4 million. Excluding multi-family loans, \$100.6 million of our commercial real estate portfolio was owner-occupied real estate and \$310.1 million was secured by income producing, or non-owner-occupied real estate.

We generally originate commercial real estate loans with maximum terms of 10 years based on a 20-year amortization schedule, and loan-to-value ratios of up to 80% (or 75% for non-owner occupied) of the appraised value of the property. Our typical commercial real estate loan has an adjustable rate which generally adjusts every five years that is indexed to the five-year Federal Home Loan Bank of New York amortizing advance indications, plus a margin, subject to an interest rate floor. All of our commercial real estate loans are subject to our underwriting procedures and guidelines, including requiring borrowers to generally have cash infusions of at least 10% of the loan amount or project cost and that properties with a loan in excess of \$500,000 are subject to biennial inspections to verify if appropriate maintenance is being performed.

We consider a number of factors in originating commercial real estate loans. We evaluate the qualifications and financial condition of the borrower (including credit history), profitability and expertise, as well as the value and condition of the mortgaged property securing the loan. When evaluating the qualifications of the borrower, we consider the financial resources of the borrower, the borrower's experience in owning or managing similar property and the borrower's payment history with us and other financial institutions. In evaluating the property securing the loan, the factors we consider include the net operating income of the mortgaged property before debt service and depreciation, the debt service coverage ratio (the ratio of net operating income to debt service) to ensure that it is at least 120% of the monthly debt service and the ratio of the loan amount to the appraised value of the mortgaged property. Our commercial real estate loans are generally appraised by outside independent appraisers approved by the board of directors. Personal guarantees are often obtained from commercial real estate borrowers. The borrower's financial information on such loans is monitored on an ongoing basis by requiring periodic financial statement updates.

Loans secured by commercial real estate generally are larger than one- to four-family residential loans and involve greater credit risk. Commercial real estate loans often involve large loan balances to a single borrower or a group of related borrowers. Repayment of these loans depends to a large degree on the results of operations and management of the properties securing the loans or the businesses conducted on such property and may be affected to a greater extent by adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy in general. As a result, the nature of these loans makes them more difficult for management to monitor and evaluate.

At June 30, 2021, multi-family real estate loans, which we consider a sub-category of commercial real estate loans, totaled \$79.4 million, or 16.2% of our commercial real estate loan portfolio. Our multi-family real estate loans are generally secured by properties consisting of five to 100 rental units within our market area. We originate a variety of adjustable-rate multi-family residential real estate loans with terms and amortization periods generally of up to 25 years

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(or 30 years if the age of the collateral is less than 10 years old), which may include balloon payments. Interest rates and payments on our adjustable-rate loans adjust generally every five years and generally are indexed to the comparable Federal Home Loan Bank of New York amortizing advance indications, plus a margin.

In underwriting multi-family residential real estate loans, we consider several factors, which include a debt service coverage ratio of at least 120%, the age and condition of the collateral, the financial resources and income level of the borrower and the borrower's experience in owning or managing similar properties. Multi-family residential real estate loans have loan-to-value ratios of up to 80% of the appraised value of the property securing the loans. The borrower's financial information on such loans is monitored on an ongoing basis by requiring periodic financial statement updates.

If we foreclose on a multi-family real estate loan, the marketing and liquidation period to convert the real estate to cash can be a lengthy process with substantial holding costs. In addition, vacancies, deferred maintenance, repairs and market stigma can result in prospective buyers expecting sale price concessions to offset their real or perceived economic losses for the time it takes them to return the property to profitability.

Commercial and Industrial Loans. We originate commercial loans and lines of credit to a variety of small and medium sized businesses in our market area. These loans are generally secured by accounts receivable, inventory or other business assets, and we may support this collateral with liens on real property. At June 30, 2021, commercial and industrial loans totaled \$167.9 million, or 15.2% of our total loan portfolio. Customers for these loans include professional businesses, family-owned businesses and not for profit businesses. As part of our relationship-driven focus, we generally require our commercial borrowers to maintain a deposit account with us, which improves our interest rate spread, margin and overall profitability.

Commercial lending products include revolving lines of credit and term loans. Our commercial lines of credit are typically made with adjustable interest rates, indexed to either the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or *The Wall Street Journal* Prime Rate, plus a margin, and we can demand repayment of the borrowed amount due at any time. Term loans are generally made with fixed interest rates, indexed to the comparable Federal Home Loan Bank of New York amortizing advance indications, plus a margin, and are for terms up to 10 years. We focus our efforts on experienced, growing small- to medium-sized, privately-held companies with solid operating history and projected cash flow that operate in our market area.

When making commercial and industrial loans, we consider the financial statements of the borrower, our lending history with the borrower, the debt service capabilities of the borrower, the projected cash flows of the business and the value of the collateral, accounts receivable, inventory and equipment. Depending on the collateral used to secure the loans, commercial and industrial loans are made in amounts generally of up to 75% of the value of the collateral securing the loan. We generally do not make unsecured commercial and industrial loans. Personal guarantees are often obtained from commercial and industrial borrowers.

Commercial and industrial loans also include loans originated under the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP"), a specialized low-interest (1%) forgivable loan program funded by the U.S. Treasury Department and administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration ("SBA"). The SBA will guarantee 100% of the PPP loans made to eligible borrowers. The program ended May 31, 2021 and the Bank is now working with borrowers on the forgiveness phase of the program. As of June 30, 2021, the Bank's commercial loan portfolio included 381 PPP loans totaling \$51.5 million.

Commercial and industrial loans generally have greater credit risk than residential real estate loans. Unlike residential real estate loans, which generally are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to make repayment from his or her employment or other income, and which are secured by real property whose value tends to be more easily ascertainable, commercial and industrial loans generally are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to repay the loan from the cash flow of the borrower's business. As a result, the availability of funds for the repayment of commercial and industrial loans may depend substantially on the success of the business itself. Further, any collateral securing the loans may depreciate over time, may be difficult to appraise and may fluctuate in value. We try to minimize these risks through our underwriting standards.

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Commercial Construction Loans. We originate loans primarily to established local developers to finance the construction of commercial and multi-family properties or to acquire land for development of commercial and multi-family properties and to fund infrastructure improvements. We also provide construction loans primarily to local developers for the construction of one- to four-family residential developments. We also originate rehabilitation loans, enabling a borrower to partially or totally refurbish an existing structure, which are structured as construction loans and monitored in the same manner. At June 30, 2021, commercial construction loans totaled \$64.9 million, or 5.9% of our total loan portfolio. Most of these loans are secured by properties located in our primary market area. We also had undrawn amounts on the commercial construction loans totaling \$16.1 million at June 30, 2021.

Our commercial construction loans are generally interest-only loans that provide for the payment of interest during the construction phase, which is usually 12 to 24 months. The interest rate is generally a variable rate based on an index rate, typically *The Wall Street Journal* Prime Rate or LIBOR, plus a margin. At the end of the construction phase, the loan generally converts to a permanent commercial real estate mortgage loan, but in some cases it may be payable in full. However, our construction loans for the construction of one- to four-family residential developments do not convert to permanent residential real estate loans. Loans can be made with a maximum loan-to-value ratio of 75% of the appraised market value upon completion of the project.

Before making a commitment to fund a commercial construction loan, we require an appraisal of the property by an independent licensed appraiser. The construction phase is carefully monitored to minimize our risk. All construction projects must be completed in accordance with approved plans and approved by the municipality in which they are located. Loan proceeds are disbursed periodically in increments as construction progresses and as inspections by our approved inspectors warrant.

One- to Four-Family Residential Real Estate Lending. At June 30, 2021, \$279.5 million, or 25.3%, of our total loan portfolio consisted of one- to four-family residential real estate loans (residential mortgages). In January 2016, we entered into a strategic partnership with Homestead Funding Corp., an unaffiliated mortgage banking company, to outsource our residential mortgage loan originations, underwriting and closing processes. As a result, we no longer process this type of loan in-house; and instead, residential mortgage loans are processed through Homestead Funding Corp. Pioneer Bank has no ownership interest in this company or any common employees or directors. Homestead Funding Corp.'s staff receives the loan referral from us and then handles the underwriting, processing and closing of the loan. One- to four-family residential real estate loans are funded by Homestead Funding Corp. with an option for the Bank to purchase the loan upon funding. Through our relationship with Homestead Funding Corp., we can assist applicants in obtaining financing from the mortgage banking company, but we are not required to commit to purchase or portfolio any loan originated by Homestead Funding Corp. The decision whether to acquire each loan is made at the time the borrower's application is submitted to Homestead Funding Corp. and must generally comply with underwriting guidelines that we have approved. However, the Bank normally purchases such loans so long as they meet our underwriting standards. We may also purchase one- to four-family residential real estate loans from Homestead Funding Corp. to customers who were not referred to the mortgage banking company by the Bank.

For each purchased loan, we generally pay a fixed aggregate fee to Homestead Funding Corp. of 1.75% of the loan balance. This fixed aggregate fee is paid by us regardless of whether the loan was originated by the mortgage banking company directly or was due to our customer referral. We receive no fee for referring a customer to Homestead Funding Corp. For the year ended June 30, 2021, we purchased for our portfolio \$67.2 million of loans originated through Homestead Funding Corp. As part of purchasing the loans, we typically acquire the servicing rights to the loans in order to best assist the customer relationship. The purchased loans are acquired from Homestead Funding Corp. without recourse or any right against the mortgage banking company to require the loans to be repurchased from us. The fixed aggregate fee we pay to acquire the loan and servicing rights are deferred as part of the loan balance and amortized over the contractual life of the loan under the interest method.

We purchase for our portfolio both fixed-rate single-family mortgage loans, as well as adjustable-rate single-family loans, with maturities up to 30 years. At June 30, 2021, our one- to four-family residential real estate loans consisted of \$251.1 million of fixed-rate loans and \$28.4 million of adjustable-rate loans. Most of these one- to four-family residential properties are located in our primary market area and many are underwritten according to Fannie Mae guidelines. We refer to loans that conform to the Fannie Mae guidelines as "conforming loans." We also purchase for our

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portfolio loans above the maximum conforming loan limits as established by the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, which at June 30, 2021 was \$548,250 for single-family homes in our market area. Loans that exceed that limit are considered “jumbo loans.” At June 30, 2021, we had \$69.1 million in jumbo loans.

Our purchased loans generally adhere to the following guidelines: (1) the loan is an owner-occupied one- to four-family residential real estate loan; (2) the loan does not provide for negative amortization of principal, such as “Option Arm” loans, where the borrower can pay less than the interest owed on the loan, resulting in an increased principal balance during the life of the loan; (3) the loan is not an “interest only” mortgage loan; (4) the maximum loan term is 30 years; (5) the loan has a loan-to-value ratio up to a maximum of 90%, provided, however, that the loan-to-value ratio may exceed 90% as long as the borrower obtains private mortgage insurance; and (6) the borrower has a maximum debt-to-income ratio of 45%. We may, at our discretion, decide not to purchase a loan based on the income level of the borrower, the appraisal or any other information that is obtained in originating the loan. We do not purchase any “subprime loans” (loans that are made with low down-payments to borrowers with weakened credit histories typically characterized by payment delinquencies, previous charge-offs, judgments, bankruptcies, or borrowers with questionable repayment capacity as evidenced by low credit scores or high debt-burden ratios) or Alt-A loans (defined as loans having less than full documentation).

Our purchased adjustable-rate residential real estate loans have interest rates that are fixed for an initial period ranging from one to 10 years. After the initial fixed period, the interest rate on adjustable-rate residential real estate loans is generally reset every year based upon a contractual spread or margin above the average yield on U.S. Treasury securities or LIBOR, adjusted to a constant maturity of one year, as published weekly by the Federal Reserve Board, subject to periodic and lifetime limitations on interest rate changes. All of our adjustable-rate residential real estate loans with initial fixed-rate periods of one, five, seven or 10 years have initial and periodic caps of 2% on interest rate changes, with a current cap of 5% over the life of the loan.

Home Equity Loans and Lines of Credit. We offer home equity loans and home equity lines of credit, both of which are secured by either first mortgages or second mortgages on owner occupied, one- to four-family residences. At June 30, 2021, outstanding home equity loans and equity lines of credit totaled \$75.5 million, or 6.8% of total loans outstanding. At June 30, 2021, the unadvanced portion of home equity lines of credit totaled \$52.6 million.

The underwriting standards used for home equity loans and home equity lines of credit include a title review, the recordation of a lien, a determination of the applicant’s ability to satisfy existing debt obligations and payments on the proposed loan, and the value of the collateral securing the loan. The loan-to-value ratio for our home equity loans and our lines of credit is generally limited to 90% when combined with the first security lien, if applicable. Home equity loans are offered with fixed rates of interest and with terms of up to 20 years. Our home equity lines of credit generally have 25-year terms and adjustable rates of interest, subject to a contractual floor, which are indexed to *The Wall Street Journal* Prime Rate.

Home equity loans and lines of credit secured by junior mortgages have greater risk than one- to four-family residential mortgage loans secured by first mortgages. At June 30, 2021, \$27.4 million of our home equity loans and lines of credit were in a junior lien position, nearly all of which were second mortgages. We face the risk that the collateral will be insufficient to compensate us for loan losses and costs of foreclosure, after repayment of the senior mortgages, if applicable. When customers default on their loans, we attempt to foreclose on the property and resell the property as soon as possible to minimize foreclosure and carrying costs. However, the value of the collateral may not be sufficient to compensate us for the amount of the unpaid loan and we may be unsuccessful in recovering the remaining balance from those customers.

Consumer Loans. We offer a limited range of consumer loans, principally to customers residing in our primary market area with other relationships with us and with acceptable credit ratings. Our consumer loans primarily consist of personal loans to the owners of certain commercial businesses who have commercial loans with us, and to a lesser extent, loans on automobiles and overdraft accounts. At June 30, 2021, consumer loans were \$25.6 million, or 2.3% of our total loan portfolio.

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Consumer loans may entail greater risk than residential real estate loans, particularly in the case of consumer loans that are unsecured or secured by assets that depreciate rapidly, such as motor vehicles. Repossessed collateral for a defaulted consumer loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment for the outstanding loan and a small remaining deficiency often does not warrant further substantial collection efforts against the borrower. Consumer loan collections depend on the borrower's continuing financial stability, and therefore are likely to be adversely affected by various factors, including job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy. Furthermore, the application of various federal and state laws, including federal and state bankruptcy and insolvency laws, may limit the amount that can be recovered on such loans.

Originations, Purchases, Participations and Sales of Loans

Lending activities are conducted by our loan personnel operating at our main and branch office locations. We also obtain referrals from existing or past customers and from accountants, real estate brokers, builders and attorneys. All loans that we originate, or purchase are underwritten pursuant to our policies and procedures, which incorporate Fannie Mae underwriting guidelines to the extent applicable for residential loans. We originate both adjustable-rate and fixed-rate loans. Our ability to originate fixed or adjustable-rate loans depends upon the relative customer demand for such loans, which is affected by current market interest rates as well as anticipated future market interest rates. Our loan origination and purchase activity may be adversely affected by a rising interest rate environment, which typically results in decreased loan demand.

We generally do not purchase whole loans from third parties other than the one- to four-family residential real estate loans described above. However, we sell participations in loans to other financial institutions in which we generally act as the lead lender. Through our loan participations, we and the other participating lenders generally share ratably in cash flows and any gains or losses that may result from a borrower's noncompliance with the contractual terms of the loan. We primarily participate in commercial real estate loans (including multi-family real estate loans), commercial and industrial loans and commercial construction loans. From time to time, we may purchase participation interests in loans where we are not the lead lender. We underwrite our participation interest in the loans that we purchase according to our own underwriting criteria and procedures. At June 30, 2021, the outstanding balances of our loan participations where we are not the lead lender totaled \$40.4 million, of which \$24.2 million were commercial or multi-family real estate loans, \$6.8 million were commercial and industrial loans and \$9.4 million were commercial construction loans.

Loan Approval Procedures and Authority

Pursuant to New York law, the aggregate amount of loans that Pioneer Bank is permitted to make to any one borrower, or a group of related borrowers is generally limited to 15% of Pioneer Bank's capital, surplus fund and undivided profits (25% if the amount in excess of 15% is secured by "readily marketable collateral"). At June 30, 2021, based on the 15% limitation, Pioneer Bank's loans-to-one-borrower limit was approximately \$28.0 million. On the same date, Pioneer Bank had no borrower with outstanding balances in excess of this amount.

Our lending is subject to written underwriting standards and origination procedures. Decisions on residential loan applications are made on the basis of detailed applications submitted by the prospective borrower, credit histories that we obtain, and property valuations (consistent with our appraisal policy) prepared by outside independent licensed appraisers approved by our board of directors as well as internal evaluations, where permitted by regulations. The loan applications are designed primarily to determine the borrower's ability to repay the requested loan, and the more significant items on the application are verified through use of credit reports, bank statements and tax returns.

Purchases of residential real estate loans up to \$750,000 from Homestead Funding Corp. must be approved by one of the following officers: the President and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Credit Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, Retail Lending Officer or the Retail Loan Servicing Officer. Purchases of residential real estate loans greater than \$750,000 must be approved by our board loan committee, which is comprised of all of the members of the board of directors.

For commercial loans, loans in excess of the commercial officers' lending limits require approval from our staff loan committee, which is comprised of the President and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Credit Officer, Chief Banking Officer, Chief Risk Officer, Commercial Senior Vice Presidents, Commercial Vice Presidents and

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Commercial Loan Officers. The staff loan committee can approve individual loans of up to prescribed limits, depending on the type of the loan. Loans in excess of the Staff Loan Committee's loan approval authority require the approval of our board of directors. Specifically, commercial real estate loans in excess of \$6.0 million, commercial lines of credit in excess of \$2.0 million and commercial loans with a new customer relationship in excess of \$1.0 million must be approved by our board of directors.

Certain loans that involve policy exceptions must be approved by our board of directors.

We require title insurance on our mortgage loans as well as fire and extended coverage casualty insurance in amounts at least equal to the principal amount of the loan or the value of improvements on the property, depending on the type of loan.

Delinquencies and Asset Quality

Delinquency Procedures. System-generated late notices are mailed to a borrower after the late payment "grace period," which is 15 days in the case of all loans secured by residential or commercial real estate and 15 days in the case of commercial and industrial and most consumer loans. A second notice will be mailed to a borrower if the loan remains past due after 30 days, and we attempt to contact the borrower and develop a plan of repayment. By the 90th day of delinquency, we will issue a pre-foreclosure notice that will require the borrower to bring the loan current within 30 days in order to avoid the beginning of foreclosure proceedings for loans secured by residential real estate. Commercial real estate, commercial and industrial, commercial construction and consumer loans are managed on a loan by loan basis. Decisions to send a demand notice are based on conversations with the borrower to address the delinquency issues. A report of all loans 30 days or more past due is provided to the board of directors monthly.

Loans Past Due and Non-Performing Assets. Loans are reviewed on a regular basis. Management determines that a loan is impaired or non-performing when it is probable that at least a portion of the loan will not be collected in accordance with the original terms due to a deterioration in the financial condition of the borrower or the value of the underlying collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. When a loan is determined to be impaired, the measurement of the loan in the allowance for loan losses is based on the present value of expected future cash flows, except that all collateral-dependent loans are measured for impairment based on the fair value of the collateral. Non-accrual loans are loans for which collectability is questionable and, therefore, interest on such loans will no longer be recognized on an accrual basis. All loans that become 90 days or more delinquent are placed on non-accrual status unless the loan is well secured and in the process of collection. When loans are placed on non-accrual status, unpaid accrued interest is fully reversed, and further income is recognized only to the extent received on a cash basis or cost recovery method.

When we acquire real estate as a result of foreclosure, the real estate is classified as real estate owned. The real estate owned is recorded at the lower of carrying amount or fair market value, less estimated costs to sell. Any excess of the recorded value of the loan over the fair market value of the property is charged against the allowance for loan losses, or, if the existing allowance is inadequate, charged to expense in the current period. After acquisition, all costs incurred in maintaining the property are expensed. Costs relating to the development and improvement of the property, however, are capitalized to the extent of estimated fair value less estimated costs to sell.

A loan is classified as a troubled debt restructuring if, for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties, we grant a concession to the borrower that we would not otherwise consider. This usually includes a modification of loan terms, such as a reduction of the interest rate to below market terms, capitalizing past due interest or extending the maturity date and possibly a partial forgiveness of the principal amount due. Interest income on restructured loans is accrued after the borrower demonstrates the ability to pay under the restructured terms through a sustained period of repayment performance, which is generally six consecutive months. Refer to the Loan Deferrals Related to COVID-19 Pandemic section on page 17.

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Delinquent Loans. The following tables set forth our loan delinquencies, including non-accrual loans, by type and amount at the dates indicated.

	At June 30,								
	2021			2020			2019		
	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due
	(In thousands)								
Commercial:									
Commercial real estate	\$ 5	\$ 5,002	\$ 5,738	\$ 23	\$ 211	\$ 2,270	\$ 3	\$ —	\$ 5,490
Commercial and industrial	—	318	1,970	—	26	1,551	—	—	42
Commercial construction	—	—	695	—	—	1,319	—	—	1,377
One- to four-family residential real estate	673	1,345	2,049	2,666	1,272	3,505	156	217	2,699
Home equity loans and lines of credit	193	97	1,233	1,217	1,259	1,383	476	318	988
Consumer	2	—	202	39	4	12	5	—	19
Total	<u>\$ 873</u>	<u>\$ 6,762</u>	<u>\$ 11,887</u>	<u>\$ 3,945</u>	<u>\$ 2,772</u>	<u>\$ 10,040</u>	<u>\$ 640</u>	<u>\$ 535</u>	<u>\$ 10,615</u>

	At June 30,					
	2018			2017		
	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due	30-59 Days Past Due	60-89 Days Past Due	90 Days or More Past Due
	(In thousands)					
Commercial:						
Commercial real estate	\$ 634	\$ 21	\$ 2,083	\$ 476	\$ 2,135	\$ 2,599
Commercial and industrial	1,346	45	659	61	—	7
Commercial construction	205	—	—	—	—	—
One- to four-family residential real estate	716	781	4,696	1,080	399	3,908
Home equity loans and lines of credit	205	385	1,183	462	58	1,028
Consumer	7	1	24	101	100	354
Total	<u>\$ 3,113</u>	<u>\$ 1,233</u>	<u>\$ 8,645</u>	<u>\$ 2,180</u>	<u>\$ 2,692</u>	<u>\$ 7,896</u>

Loans that were 30-59 days past due totaled \$873,000 at June 30, 2021, representing a decrease from \$3.9 million at June 30, 2020; loans that were 60-89 days past due totaled \$6.8 million at June 30, 2021, an increase from \$2.8 million at June 30, 2020 and loans that were 90 days or more past due totaled \$11.9 million at June 30, 2021, representing an increase from \$10.0 million at June 30, 2020. The decrease in loans that were 30-59 days past due was primarily a result of declines in one- to four-family residential real estate loans and home equity loans and lines of credit being elevated as of June 30, 2020 from the economic shutdown related to COVID-19. The increase in loans that were 60-89 days past due was primarily due to an increase in commercial real estate loans which included one loan in the amount of \$5.0 million secured by a mixed-use property. The increase in loans that were 90 days or more past due included an increase in commercial real estate loans of \$3.4 million primarily related to one loan in the amount of \$2.2 million secured by an office building that was on non-accrual status as of June 30, 2021.

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Non-Performing Assets. The table below sets forth the amounts and categories of our non-performing assets at the dates indicated. Non-accrual loans include non-accruing troubled debt restructurings of \$185,000, \$235,000 and \$2.1 million as of June 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017, respectively. There were no non-accruing troubled debt restructurings as of June 30, 2021 and 2020.

	At June 30,				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Non-accrual loans:					
Commercial real estate	\$ 10,527	\$ 3,364	\$ 5,618	\$ 2,236	\$ 2,375
Commercial and industrial	465	95	42	705	3
Commercial construction	550	1,319	1,377	—	—
One- to four-family residential real estate	4,993	4,807	4,028	3,834	3,325
Home equity loans and lines of credit	2,043	1,865	1,497	970	899
Consumer	187	210	—	—	—
Total non-accrual loans	<u>18,765</u>	<u>11,660</u>	<u>12,562</u>	<u>7,745</u>	<u>6,602</u>
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more:					
Commercial real estate	1,476	143	58	180	225
Commercial and industrial	1,525	1,455	—	—	4
Commercial construction	145	—	—	—	—
One- to four-family residential real estate	—	—	—	1,232	583
Home equity loans and lines of credit	—	—	41	330	129
Consumer	15	12	19	24	354
Total accruing loans past due 90 days or more	<u>3,161</u>	<u>1,610</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>1,766</u>	<u>1,295</u>
Real estate owned:					
Commercial real estate	—	99	—	—	—
Commercial and industrial	—	—	—	—	—
Commercial construction	—	—	—	—	—
One- to four-family residential real estate	365	161	158	—	—
Home equity loans and lines of credit	—	—	—	72	—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—
Total real estate owned	<u>365</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>—</u>
Total non-performing assets	<u>\$ 22,291</u>	<u>\$ 13,530</u>	<u>\$ 12,838</u>	<u>\$ 9,583</u>	<u>\$ 7,897</u>
Total accruing troubled debt restructured loans	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Total non-performing loans to total loans	1.99 %	1.13 %	1.19 %	0.95 %	0.84 %
Total non-performing assets to total assets	1.24 %	0.89 %	0.87 %	0.75 %	0.70 %

For the year ended June 30, 2021, gross interest income that would have been recorded had our non-accruing loans been current in accordance with their original terms was \$759,000. Interest income recognized on such loans for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$11,000.

During the year ended June 30, 2021, non-accrual loans increased primarily with respect to two commercial real estate loan relationships including a \$5.1 million loan relationship secured by a hotel and banquet facilities, as well as, a \$2.2 million loan relationship secured by an office building. At June 30, 2021, accruing loans past due 90 days or more increased to \$3.2 million from \$1.6 million at June 30, 2020 and were primarily related to certain commercial real estate loans that matured and were in the process of being extended at year end.

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Loan Deferrals Related to COVID-19 Pandemic. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), in addition to providing financial assistance to both businesses and consumers, creates a forbearance program for federally-backed mortgage loans, protects borrowers from negative credit reporting due to loan accommodations related to the national emergency, and provides financial institutions the option to temporarily suspend certain requirements under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) related to troubled debt restructurings for a limited period of time to account for the effects of COVID-19. The Federal and New York State banking regulatory agencies have likewise issued guidance encouraging financial institutions to work prudently with borrowers who are, or may be, unable to meet their contractual payment obligations because of the effects of COVID-19. That guidance, with concurrence of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and provisions of the CARES Act allow modifications made on a good faith basis in response to COVID-19 to borrowers who were generally current with their payments prior to any relief, to not be treated as troubled debt restructurings. Modifications may include payment deferrals, fee waivers, extensions of repayment term, or other delays in payment. The Company has worked with its customers affected by COVID-19 and accommodated a significant amount of loan modifications across its loan portfolios. To the extent that additional modifications meet the criteria previously described, such modifications are not expected to be classified as troubled debt restructurings.

In the table below, the commercial loan portfolio is presented by industry sector with loan deferrals as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with the CARES Act, the deferrals listed below are not considered troubled debt restructurings. The commercial loan industry sector balances and deferrals are as of June 30, 2021.

	Loans by Industry Sector		Deferrals as of June 30, 2021		
	June 30, 2021 Balance	Percentage of Commercial Loans	Balance	Percentage of Industry Sector	Percentage of Commercial Loans
(Dollars in thousands)					
Commercial Loans:					
Real estate					
Residential real estate, including lessors of residential buildings	\$ 145,146	20.1 %	\$ 5,033	3.5 %	0.7 %
Non-residential real estate					
Office	62,084	8.6 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Retail	75,105	10.4 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Industrial	22,998	3.2 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Self-storage	6,711	0.9 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Mixed use	24,575	3.4 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Other real estate	34,751	4.8 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Total real estate	371,370	51.4 %	5,033	1.4 %	0.7 %
Construction	119,018	16.5 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Accommodation and food service	71,231	9.9 %	11,233	15.8 %	1.6 %
Retail trade	26,778	3.7 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Wholesale trade	23,309	3.2 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Finance and insurance	5,182	0.7 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Healthcare and social assistance	21,303	2.9 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Manufacturing	21,998	3 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Arts, entertainment and recreation	11,495	1.6 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Other	51,257	7.1 %	—	0.0 %	0.0 %
Total commercial loans	\$ 722,941	100.0 %	\$ 16,266	2.2 %	2.2 %

As of June 30, 2021, the Company had in relation to its commercial borrowers COVID-19 related financial hardship payment deferrals totaling four loans representing \$16.3 million of the Company’s commercial loan balances, which is down from 144 loans representing \$170.3 million of the Company’s commercial loan balances as of June 30, 2020. As of June 30, 2021, commercial loan deferrals included two loans totaling \$9.6 million on non-accrual status which were classified as substandard and two loans totaling \$6.6 million accruing interest, of which \$1.6 million was classified as special mention and \$5.0 million was not a classified asset.

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In the table below, the residential mortgage, home equity loans and lines, and consumer loan portfolios are presented with loan deferrals as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with the CARES Act, the deferrals listed below are not considered troubled debt restructurings. The loan portfolio balances and deferrals are as of June 30, 2021.

	Loans by Portfolio		Deferrals as of June 30, 2021	
	June 30, 2021		Balance	Percentage of
	Balance		Balance	Loan Category
			(Dollars in thousands)	
Residential mortgages	\$ 279,508	\$ 1,408		0.5 %
Home equity loans and lines	75,469	49		0.1 %
Consumer	25,568	—		0.0 %

As of June 30, 2021, the Company had in relation to its consumer borrowers COVID-19 related financial hardship payment deferrals totaling nine loans representing \$1.4 million of the Company's residential mortgage, home equity loans and lines of credit, and consumer loan balances, which is down from 110 loans representing \$27.4 million of the Company's residential mortgage, home equity loans and lines of credit, and consumer loan balances as of June 30, 2020. As of June 30, 2021, consumer borrower loan deferrals included three loans totaling \$757,000 on non-accrual status and classified as substandard and six loans totaling \$700,000 accruing interest and which were not classified assets.

Although the amount of commercial and consumer loans in deferral status at June 30, 2021 has declined from June 30, 2020, there are borrowers continuing to experience COVID-19 related financial hardships. The Company believes that delinquent and nonperforming loans may increase in future periods as borrowers that continue to experience COVID-19 related financial hardships may be unable to continue loan payments consistent with their contractual obligations and the Company may be required to make additional provisions for loan losses.

Classified Assets. Federal regulations provide for the classification of loans and other assets, such as debt and equity securities considered to be of lesser quality, as "substandard," "doubtful" or "loss." An asset is considered "substandard" if it is inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. "Substandard" assets include those characterized by the "distinct possibility" that the insured institution will sustain "some loss" if the deficiencies are not corrected. Assets classified as "doubtful" have all of the weaknesses inherent in those classified "substandard," with the added characteristic that the weaknesses present make "collection or liquidation in full," on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions, and values, "highly questionable and improbable." Assets classified as "loss" are those considered "uncollectible" and of such little value that their continuance as assets without the establishment of a specific loss allowance is not warranted. Assets which do not currently expose the insured institution to sufficient risk to warrant classification in one of the aforementioned categories but possess weaknesses are designated as "special mention."

When an insured institution classifies problem assets as either substandard or doubtful, it may establish general allowances in an amount deemed prudent by management to cover probable accrued losses. General allowances represent loss allowances which have been established to cover probable accrued losses associated with lending activities, but which, unlike specific allowances, have not been allocated to particular problem assets. When an insured institution classifies problem assets as "loss," it is required either to establish a specific allowance for losses equal to 100% of that portion of the asset so classified or to charge-off such amount. An institution's determination as to the classification of its assets and the amount of its valuation allowances is subject to review by the regulatory authorities, which may require the establishment of additional general or specific loss allowances.

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The following table sets forth our amounts of all classified loans and loans designated as special mention as of June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019. The classified loans total at June 30, 2021 included \$19.5 million of non-performing loans.

	At June 30,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(In thousands)		
Classification of Loans:			
Substandard	\$ 38,411	\$ 33,228	\$ 16,517
Doubtful	3,043	53	—
Loss	—	—	—
Total Classified Loans	<u>\$ 41,454</u>	<u>\$ 33,281</u>	<u>\$ 16,517</u>
Special Mention	<u>\$ 34,860</u>	<u>\$ 6,499</u>	<u>\$ 2,666</u>

Total classified loans increased \$8.2 million from \$33.3 million at June 30, 2020 to \$41.5 million at June 30, 2021 due to an increase in substandard loans primarily consisting of three commercial real estate loan relationships secured by office and residential real estate properties, as well as, two commercial and industrial loan relationships in the manufacturing and other industries. In addition, classified doubtful loans increased by \$3.0 million primarily due to one commercial real estate loan relationship secured by office property. These newly classified substandard and doubtful loans were partially offset by certain relationships being upgraded, paid down or charged-off.

Total special mention commercial loans increased \$28.4 million to \$34.9 million at June 30, 2021 from \$6.5 million at June 30, 2020 primarily due to three commercial real estate loan relationships in the accommodation and food service industry totaling \$8.1 million, \$6.7 million and \$6.3 million, as well as, one commercial real estate loan relationship in the arts and recreation industry totaling \$6.6 million that were continuing to experience COVID-19 related financial hardships.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is maintained at a level which, in management's judgment, is adequate to absorb probable credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio. The amount of the allowance is based on management's evaluation of the collectability of the loan portfolio, including the nature of the portfolio, credit concentrations, trends in historical loss experience, specific impaired loans, and economic conditions. Allowances for loans that are individually classified as impaired are generally determined based on collateral values or the present value of estimated cash flows. Because of uncertainties associated with collateral values, future cash flows on impaired loans, and national and regional economic conditions it is reasonably possible that management's estimate of probable credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio and the related allowance may change materially in the near-term. The allowance is increased by a provision for loan losses, which is charged to expense and reduced by full and partial charge-offs, net of recoveries. Changes in the allowance relating to impaired loans are charged or credited to the provision for loan losses. Management's periodic evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance is based on various factors, including, but not limited to, historical loss experience, current economic conditions, delinquency statistics, geographic and industry concentrations, the adequacy of the underlying collateral, the financial strength of the borrower, results of internal loan reviews and other qualitative and quantitative factors which could affect potential credit losses.

In addition, the NYSDFS and the FDIC periodically review our allowance for loan losses and as a result of such reviews, we may have to materially adjust our allowance for loan losses or recognize further loan charge-offs.

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The following table sets forth activity in our allowance for loan losses for the years indicated.

	At or for the Years Ended June 30,				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Allowance at beginning of year	\$ 22,851	\$ 14,499	\$ 13,510	\$ 11,820	\$ 9,794
Provision for loan losses	4,050	6,790	18,150	1,970	2,395
Charge offs:					
Commercial real estate	—	—	—	121	—
Commercial and industrial	2,385	5	16,886	53	38
Commercial construction	790	—	—	—	—
One- to four-family residential real estate	289	19	85	—	148
Home equity loans and lines of credit	142	—	47	17	104
Consumer	237	162	179	152	165
Total charge-offs	<u>3,843</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>17,197</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>455</u>
Recoveries:					
Commercial real estate	—	—	—	—	—
Commercial and industrial	131	1,707	—	—	5
Commercial construction	—	—	—	—	—
One- to four-family residential real estate	—	—	—	—	—
Home equity loans and lines of credit	20	1	—	3	15
Consumer	50	40	36	60	66
Total recoveries	<u>201</u>	<u>1,748</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>86</u>
Net charge-offs (recoveries)	<u>3,642</u>	<u>(1,562)</u>	<u>17,161</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>369</u>
Allowance at end of year	<u>\$ 23,259</u>	<u>\$ 22,851</u>	<u>\$ 14,499</u>	<u>\$ 13,510</u>	<u>\$ 11,820</u>
Allowance to non-performing loans	106.08 %	172.20 %	114.35 %	142.05 %	149.68 %
Allowance to total loans outstanding at the end of the year	2.11 %	1.95 %	1.38 %	1.35 %	1.25 %
Net charge-offs (recoveries) to average loans outstanding during the year	0.32 %	(0.14)%	1.66 %	0.03 %	0.04 %

Net charge-offs increased to \$3.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2021, compared to a net recovery of \$1.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. Net charge-offs for the year ended June 30, 2021 included the charge-off of three commercial loan relationships totaling \$3.1 million. The year ended June 30, 2020 included a partial recovery in the amount of \$1.7 million related to the charge-off of the Mann Entities' commercial loan relationships in the third fiscal quarter of 2020. During the year ended June 30, 2019, our total charge-offs of \$17.2 million included a \$15.8 million charge-off related to the entire principal balance owed to the Bank related to the Mann Entities' commercial loan relationships which were recognized in the fourth fiscal quarter of 2019.

At June 30, 2021, the allowance for loan losses included specific reserves totaling \$1.0 million, including \$570,000 for three commercial and industrial loan relationships classified as impaired and \$464,000 for one commercial real estate loan classified as impaired.

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Allocation of Allowance for Loan Losses. The following tables set forth the allowance for loan losses allocated by loan category and the percent of the allowance in each category to the total allocated allowance at the dates indicated. The allowance for loan losses allocated to each category is not necessarily indicative of future losses in any particular category and does not restrict the use of the allowance to absorb losses in other categories.

	At June 30,								
	2021			2020			2019		
	Allowance for Loan Losses	Percent of Allowance in Category to Total Allocated Allowance	Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total Loans	Allowance for Loan Losses	Percent of Allowance in Category to Total Allocated Allowance	Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total Loans	Allowance for Loan Losses	Percent of Allowance in Category to Total Allocated Allowance	Percent of Loans in Each Category to Total Loans
	(Dollars in thousands)								
Commercial:									
Commercial real estate	\$ 12,324	52.9 %	44.5 %	\$ 10,549	46.2 %	38.5 %	\$ 6,440	44.4 %	39.6 %
Commercial and industrial	4,373	18.8 %	15.2 %	4,885	21.4 %	20.3 %	3,293	22.7 %	15.9 %
Commercial construction	1,603	6.9 %	5.9 %	2,136	9.3 %	7.8 %	1,324	9.1 %	8.1 %
One- to four-family residential real estate	3,224	13.9 %	25.3 %	3,484	15.2 %	23.9 %	2,360	16.3 %	26.8 %
Home equity loans and lines of credit	1,295	5.6 %	6.8 %	1,303	5.7 %	6.9 %	813	5.6 %	7.6 %
Consumer	440	1.9 %	2.3 %	494	2.2 %	2.6 %	269	1.9 %	2.0 %
Total	<u>\$ 23,259</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 22,851</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 14,499</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

	At June 30,					
	2018			2017		
	Allowance for Loan Losses	Percent of Allowance in Category to Total Allocated Allowance	Percent of Loans in Category to Total Loans	Allowance for Loan Losses	Percent of Allowance in Category to Total Allocated Allowance	Percent of Loans in Category to Total Loans
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Commercial:						
Commercial real estate	\$ 5,254	38.8 %	37.7 %	\$ 5,978	50.6 %	42.3 %
Commercial and industrial	3,977	29.5 %	19.5 %	2,565	21.7 %	19.1 %
Commercial construction	1,183	8.8 %	8.5 %	963	8.1 %	7.2 %
One- to four-family residential real estate	2,166	16.0 %	25.0 %	1,427	12.1 %	21.5 %
Home equity loans and lines of credit	770	5.7 %	7.8 %	740	6.3 %	8.1 %
Consumer	160	1.2 %	1.5 %	147	1.2 %	1.9 %
Total	<u>\$ 13,510</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 11,820</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

Investment Activities

General. Our board of directors is responsible for approving and overseeing our investment policy. The investment policy is reviewed at least annually by the board of directors. This policy dictates that investment decisions be made based on the safety of the investment, liquidity requirements, potential returns and consistency with our interest rate risk management strategy. Authorized officers, as selected by the board of directors, oversee our investing activities and strategies. The authorized officers include our President and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Vice President, Controller.

Our current investment policy authorizes us to invest in various types of investment securities and liquid assets, including U.S. Treasury obligations, securities of various government-sponsored enterprises, residential mortgage-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations, municipal securities, deposits at the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, corporate debt securities (limited to no more than 5% of total assets and no more than 15% of our capital in any single issuer), common or preferred stock of a company trading on the Standard & Poor's 500 Composite Index or if the company has \$5.0 billion or greater in capitalization (limited to no more than 15% of our capital) and common stock of a company with over \$2.0 billion, but less than \$5.0 billion, in capitalization (limited to less than 10% of our investment portfolio). We do not engage in any investment hedging activities or trading activities, nor do we purchase any high-risk mortgage derivative products, corporate junk bonds, and certain types of structured notes.

Debt securities investment accounting guidance requires that, at the time of purchase, we designate a debt security as held to maturity, available for sale, or trading, depending on our ability and intent.

U.S. Governmental Securities. We maintain these investments, to the extent appropriate, for liquidity purposes, at zero risk weighting for capital purposes and as collateral for borrowings. At June 30, 2021, U.S. Government securities consisted of U.S. Treasury securities.

Municipal Securities. We invest in fixed-rate investment grade bonds issued primarily by municipalities in the State of New York.

Corporate Debt Securities. We invest in corporate debt securities issued primarily by companies in the financial sector.

Other Debt Securities. We invest in fixed rate collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs") issued by Ginnie Mae, Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae, mortgage-backed securities insured or guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, Freddie Mac or Fannie Mae and in other asset backed securities.

Equity Securities. At June 30, 2021, equity securities were comprised of common stock of companies in the financial, energy, health care, information technology, consumer cyclicals, industrials, materials and utility sectors.

The following tables set forth the amortized cost and estimated fair value of our securities portfolio (excluding Federal Home Loan Bank of New York common stock) at the dates indicated.

	At June 30,					
	2021		2020		2019	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
(In thousands)						
Securities available for sale:						
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$ 216,155	\$ 216,041	\$ 61,299	\$ 61,511	\$ 70,706	\$ 70,867
Municipal obligations	47,800	47,797	13,381	13,385	14,666	14,699
Other debt securities	424	764	573	872	709	1,129
Total	\$ 264,379	\$ 264,602	\$ 75,253	\$ 75,768	\$ 86,081	\$ 86,695

	At June 30,					
	2021		2020		2019	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
	(In thousands)					
Securities held to maturity:						
Municipal obligations	\$ 3,878	\$ 3,939	\$ 4,822	\$ 4,917	\$ 3,873	\$ 3,887
Corporate debt securities	7,000	6,980	2,000	2,000	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 10,878</u>	<u>\$ 10,919</u>	<u>\$ 6,822</u>	<u>\$ 6,917</u>	<u>\$ 3,873</u>	<u>\$ 3,887</u>

	At June 30,					
	2021		2020		2019	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
	(In thousands)					
Equity Securities:						
Preferred stock	\$ —	—	6,007	5,056	6,007	5,040
Common stock	1,463	\$ 2,879	\$ 2,807	\$ 3,477	\$ 2,807	\$ 3,618
Total	<u>\$ 1,463</u>	<u>\$ 2,879</u>	<u>\$ 8,814</u>	<u>\$ 8,533</u>	<u>\$ 8,814</u>	<u>\$ 8,658</u>

Portfolio Maturities and Yields. The composition and maturities of the debt securities portfolio at June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following tables. Maturities are based on the final contractual payment dates, and do not reflect the effect of scheduled principal repayments, prepayments, or early redemptions that may occur.

	One Year or Less		More than One Year through Five Years		More than Five Years through Ten Years		More than Ten Years		Total		
	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Weighted Average Yield
		(Dollars in thousands)									
Securities available for sale:											
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$ 50,224	0.15 %	\$ 150,388	0.52 %	\$ 15,543	0.90 %	\$ —	— %	\$ 216,155	\$ 216,041	0.46 %
Municipal obligations	39,765	0.61 %	8,035	0.38 %	—	— %	—	— %	47,800	47,797	0.57 %
Other debt securities	—	— %	1	4.19 %	40	2.88 %	383	4.08 %	424	764	3.97 %
Total	<u>\$ 89,989</u>		<u>\$ 158,424</u>		<u>\$ 15,583</u>		<u>\$ 383</u>		<u>\$ 264,379</u>	<u>\$ 264,602</u>	

	One Year or Less		More than One Year through Five Years		More than Five Years through Ten Years		More than Ten Years		Total		
	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield	Amortized Cost	Weighted Average Yield	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Weighted Average Yield
		(Dollars in thousands)									
Securities held to maturity:											
Municipal obligations	\$ 2,922	0.87 %	\$ 861	1.77 %	\$ 95	4.07 %	\$ —	— %	\$ 3,878	\$ 3,939	1.15 %
Corporate debt securities	—	— %	—	— %	7,000	4.96 %	—	— %	7,000	6,980	4.96 %
Total	<u>\$ 2,922</u>		<u>\$ 861</u>		<u>\$ 7,095</u>		<u>\$ —</u>		<u>\$ 10,878</u>	<u>\$ 10,919</u>	

Sources of Funds

General. Deposits have traditionally been our primary source of funds for our lending and investment activities. We also use borrowings, primarily Federal Home Loan Bank of New York advances, to supplement cash flows, as needed. In addition, funds are derived from scheduled loan payments, investment maturities, loan sales, loan prepayments, retained earnings and income on interest earning assets. While scheduled loan payments and income on interest earning assets are relatively stable sources of funds, deposit inflows and outflows can vary widely and are influenced by prevailing interest rates, market conditions and levels of competition.

Deposit Accounts. The substantial majority of our deposits are from depositors who reside in our primary market area. We access deposit customers by offering a broad selection of deposit instruments for individuals, businesses and municipalities. We generally request commercial business borrowers to maintain their primary deposit accounts with us. At June 30, 2021, we had no brokered deposits, but our policy permits us to access such funds if additional liquidity is necessary. We offer deposit accounts to municipalities through our limited purpose subsidiary, Pioneer Commercial Bank, at June 30, 2021, we held \$380.4 million in municipal deposits, which represented 24.8% of our deposits. We have

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developed a program for the retention and management of municipal deposits. These deposits are from local government entities such as towns, cities, school districts and other municipalities. We generally solicit their operating and savings accounts and not time-based deposits. Municipal deposit accounts are collateralized by Federal Home Loan Bank of New York letters of credit and by eligible government and government agency securities and municipal obligations. We believe that municipal deposits provide a low cost and stable source of funds and we intend to continue to solicit these types of funds.

Deposit account terms vary according to the minimum balance required, the time period that funds must remain on deposit, and the interest rate, among other factors. In determining the terms of our deposit accounts, we consider the rates offered by our competition, our liquidity needs, profitability, and customer preferences and concerns. We generally review our deposit pricing on a monthly basis and continually review our deposit mix. Our deposit pricing strategy has generally been to offer competitive rates, but generally not the highest rates offered in the market, and to periodically offer special rates to attract deposits of a specific type or with a specific term.

The flow of deposits is influenced significantly by general economic conditions, changes in money market and other prevailing interest rates and competition. The variety of deposit accounts offered allows us to be competitive in obtaining funds and responding to changes in consumer demand. Based on experience, we believe that our deposits are relatively stable. However, the ability to attract and maintain deposits and the rates paid on these deposits, has been and will continue to be significantly affected by market conditions.

The following tables set forth the distribution of total deposits by account type at the dates indicated.

	At June 30,								
	2021			2020			2019		
	Amount	Percent	Average Rate	Amount	Percent	Average Rate	Amount	Percent	Average Rate
	(Dollars in thousands)								
Non-interest-bearing demand accounts	\$ 504,888	32.9 %	—	\$ 437,536	34.4 %	—	\$ 357,523	26.9 %	—
Demand accounts	175,803	11.5 %	0.13 %	110,711	8.7 %	0.13 %	220,546	16.6 %	0.17 %
Savings accounts	300,835	19.7 %	0.03 %	258,581	20.4 %	0.05 %	250,856	18.8 %	0.05 %
Money market accounts	454,494	29.7 %	0.08 %	343,763	27.1 %	0.27 %	371,828	27.9 %	0.59 %
Certificates of deposit	94,876	6.2 %	0.82 %	119,559	9.4 %	1.61 %	130,565	9.8 %	1.77 %
Total	<u>\$ 1,530,896</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	0.10 %	<u>\$ 1,270,150</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	0.25 %	<u>\$ 1,331,318</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	0.38 %

As of June 30, 2021, the aggregate amount of all our certificates of deposit in amounts greater than or equal to \$100,000 was approximately \$41.8 million. The following table sets forth the maturity of these certificates as of June 30, 2021.

	At June 30, 2021 (In thousands)
Maturity Period:	
Three months or less	\$ 8,575
Over three through six months	5,480
Over six through twelve months	13,238
Over twelve months	14,459
Total	<u>\$ 41,752</u>

Borrowings. Our borrowings consist of advances from the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (“FHLBNY”). At June 30, 2021, the Company pledged approximately \$429.7 million of residential mortgage, home equity and commercial loans as collateral for borrowings and stand-by letters of credit at the FHLBNY. At June 30, 2021, the maximum amount of funding available from the FHLBNY was \$360.9 million, of which none was utilized for borrowings and \$152.0 million was utilized for irrevocable stand-by letters of credit issued to secure municipal deposits, resulting in \$208.9 million of available borrowing capacity.

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The following table sets forth information concerning balances and interest rates on our borrowings at and for the periods shown:

	At or For the Year Ended June 30,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Balance outstanding at end of period	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Weighted average interest rate at the end of period	— %	— %	— %
Maximum amount of borrowings outstanding at any month end during the period	\$ —	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000
Average balance outstanding during the period	\$ —	\$ 4,433	\$ 4,027
Weighted average interest rate during the period	— %	0.68 %	2.66 %

Subsidiaries

Pioneer Commercial Bank. Pioneer Commercial Bank is a New York-chartered limited-purpose commercial bank wholly owned by Pioneer Bank. Pioneer Bank incorporated Pioneer Commercial Bank in October 2004 in order to be able to accept municipal deposits. New York State law prohibits a savings bank from soliciting and servicing public funds (deposits of counties, cities, towns, school districts, etc.). The limited-purpose commercial bank subsidiary has enabled us to establish banking relationships with municipalities and other public entities throughout our market area. At June 30, 2021, Pioneer Commercial Bank had \$420.6 million in assets, consisting primarily of cash and municipal obligations. Pioneer Commercial Bank is subject to comprehensive regulation by the NYSDFS, as its chartering authority, and by the FDIC. All disclosures in this Annual Report on Form 10-K relating to Pioneer Bank are consolidated to include the activities of Pioneer Commercial Bank.

Anchor Agency, Inc. In 2016, Pioneer Bank acquired Anchor Agency, Inc., a New York corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Pioneer Bank, which is a full-service insurance agency offering personal and commercial insurance, including homeowners, automobile and comprehensive business insurance. Anchor Agency, Inc. works with major national insurance companies as well as specialty markets. Anchor Agency, Inc. also offers employee benefits products and consulting services under the name Pioneer Benefits Consulting, including group health, dental, disability and life insurance products and defined contribution and defined benefit administration and human resource management services. Anchor Agency, Inc. operates from Pioneer Bank's headquarters in Albany, New York. Expansion into the insurance and employee benefit services business has enabled Pioneer Bank to evolve from a traditional depository institution into a full-service financial services organization. All disclosures in this Annual Report on Form 10-K relating to Pioneer Bank are consolidated to include the activities of Anchor Agency, Inc.

Pioneer Financial Services, Inc. Pioneer Financial Services, Inc., a New York corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Pioneer Bank, provides wealth management services to Pioneer Bank's customers in partnership with LPL Financial, a registered broker dealer. It had \$671.0 million of assets under management at June 30, 2021. Pioneer Financial Services, Inc. operates from Pioneer Bank's headquarters in Albany, New York under the name Pioneer Wealth Management, and has licensed representatives available in our branch offices. Wealth management services provided by Pioneer Financial Services, Inc. to customers include investment advice, retirement income planning, estate planning, business succession and employer retirement planning. All disclosures in this Annual Report on Form 10-K relating to Pioneer Bank are consolidated to include the activities of Pioneer Financial Services, Inc.

Personnel

As of June 30, 2021, we had 233 full-time employees and 29 part-time employees. Our employees are not represented by any collective bargaining group. Management believes that we have good working relations with our employees.

SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

General

As a New York-chartered savings bank, Pioneer Bank is subject to comprehensive regulation by the NYSDFS, as its chartering authority, and by the FDIC. Pioneer Bank is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, and its deposits are insured up to applicable limits by the FDIC. Pioneer Bank is required to file reports with, and is periodically examined by, the FDIC and the NYSDFS concerning its activities and financial condition and must obtain regulatory approvals before entering into certain transactions, including mergers with, or acquisitions of, other financial institutions. This regulatory structure is intended primarily for the protection of the insurance fund and depositors. The regulatory structure also gives the regulatory authorities extensive discretion in connection with their supervisory and enforcement activities and examination policies, including policies regarding classifying assets and establishing an adequate allowance for loan losses for regulatory purposes.

As a New York-chartered mutual holding company, Pioneer Bancorp, MHC is regulated and subject to examination by the NYSDFS and the Federal Reserve Board. As a bank holding company, Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. also is required to comply with the rules and regulations of the Federal Reserve Board and the NYSDFS. It is required to file certain reports with the Federal Reserve Board and is subject to examination by and the enforcement authority of the Federal Reserve Board and the NYSDFS. Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. also is subject to the rules and regulations of the SEC under the federal securities laws.

Set forth below is a brief description of material regulatory requirements that are applicable to Pioneer Bank, Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. and Pioneer Bancorp, MHC. The description is limited to certain material aspects of certain statutes and regulations that are addressed, and is not intended to be a complete list or description of such statutes and regulations and their effects on Pioneer Bank, Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. and Pioneer Bancorp, MHC.

New York Banking Law and Supervision

Supervision and Enforcement Authority. Pioneer Bank, as a New York-chartered savings bank, is regulated and supervised by the NYSDFS. The NYSDFS is required to regularly examine each state-chartered bank. The approval of the NYSDFS is required to establish or close branches, to merge with another bank and to undertake many other activities. Any New York-chartered savings bank that does not operate according to the regulations, policies and directives of the NYSDFS may be subject to sanctions for non-compliance, including seizure of the property and business of the savings bank and suspension or revocation of its charter. The NYSDFS may, under certain circumstances, suspend or remove officers or directors who have violated the law, conducted the savings bank's business in an unsafe or unsound manner or contrary to the depositors' interests, or have been negligent in the performance of their duties. In addition, upon finding that a savings bank has engaged in an unfair or deceptive act or practice, the NYSDFS may issue an order to cease and desist and impose a fine on the savings bank. The NYSDFS also has the authority to appoint a receiver or conservator if it determines that the savings bank is conducting its business in an unsafe or unauthorized manner, and under certain other circumstances. New York consumer protection and civil rights statutes applicable to Pioneer Bank permit private individual and class action lawsuits, and provide for the rescission of consumer transactions, including loans, and the recovery of statutory and punitive damage and attorney's fees in the case of certain violations of those statutes.

The powers that New York-chartered savings banks can exercise under these laws include the following:

Lending Activities. A New York-chartered savings bank may make a wide variety of mortgage loans including fixed-rate loans, adjustable-rate loans, participation loans, construction and development loans, condominium and co-operative loans, second mortgage loans and other types of loans that may be made according to applicable regulations. Commercial loans may be made to corporations and other commercial enterprises with or without security. Consumer and personal loans may also be made with or without security.

Investment Activities. In general, Pioneer Bank may invest in certain types of debt securities (including certain corporate debt securities, and obligations of federal, state, and local governments and agencies thereof), certain types of

corporate equity securities, and certain other assets. However, this investment authority is subject to restrictions under federal law. See “—Federal Bank Regulation—Investment Activities” for such federal restrictions.

Dividends. Under New York Banking Law, Pioneer Bank may declare and pay dividends from its net profits, unless there is an impairment of capital. Additionally, the approval of the NYSDFS is required if the total of all dividends declared in a calendar year would exceed the total of its net profits for that year combined with its retained net profits of the preceding two years, subject to certain adjustments provided for under applicable law.

Loans to Trustees, Directors and Executive Officers. Under applicable New York Banking Law, Pioneer Bank may not make a loan or other extension of credit directly or indirectly to any of its trustees or executive officers of Pioneer Bancorp, MHC, except that Pioneer Bank may make a loan to an executive officer to become an owner of real property so long as the loan is secured by either (1) a first mortgage or cooperative apartment unit loan, which the property or apartment is to be occupied by the executive officer’s primary residence and is specifically approved in writing by the board of trustees; or (2) a deposit maintained by the executive officer with Pioneer Bank. Following the mutual holding company reorganization, the aforementioned lending restrictions would not apply to executive officers and directors of Pioneer Bank, so long as the Superintendent of the NYSDFS deems the restrictions inapplicable.

NYSDFS Cybersecurity Rule. Effective March 1, 2017, the NYSDFS requires New York chartered banks and other financial services companies to establish and maintain a cybersecurity program designed to protect consumers and ensure the safety and soundness of the bank. Specifically, NYSDFS requires regulated financial services company to establish a cybersecurity program; adopt a written cybersecurity policy; designate a Chief Information Security Officer responsible for implementing, overseeing and enforcing its new program and policy; and have policies and procedures designed to ensure the security of information systems and nonpublic information accessible to, or held by, third-parties, along with a variety of other requirements to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information systems.

Federal Bank Regulation

Recent Regulatory Reform. On May 24, 2018, The Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act of 2018 (the “Regulatory Relief Act”) was enacted, which repeals or modifies certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act and eases regulations on all but the largest banks. The Regulatory Relief Act’s provisions include, among other things: (1) exempting banks with less than \$10 billion in assets from the ability-to-repay requirements for certain qualified residential mortgage loans held in portfolio; (2) not requiring appraisals for certain transactions valued at less than \$400,000 in rural areas; (3) exempting banks that originate fewer than 500 open-end and 500 closed-end mortgages from HMDA’s expanded data disclosures; (4) clarifying that, subject to various conditions, reciprocal deposits of another depository institution obtained using a deposit broker through a deposit placement network for purposes of obtaining maximum deposit insurance would not be considered brokered deposits subject to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s brokered-deposit regulations; (5) raising eligibility for the 18-month exam cycle from \$1 billion to banks with \$3 billion in assets; (6) allowing qualifying federal savings banks to elect to operate with the same powers available to a national bank; and (7) simplifying capital calculations by requiring regulators to establish for institutions under \$10 billion in assets a community bank leverage ratio (tier 1 capital to average consolidated assets) at a percentage not less than 8% and not greater than 10% that such institutions may elect to replace the generally applicable leverage and risk-based capital requirements and the capital ratio for determining well-capitalized status. The federal banking regulators jointly issued a final rule on October 29, 2019, providing that a bank with less than \$10 billion in assets may elect to use the community bank leverage ratio capital framework whereby it will be considered well-capitalized so long as the community bank’s leverage ratio is greater than 9%. The new rule took effect on January 1, 2020. Pursuant to the CARES Act, the federal banking agencies issued a final rule in August 2020 to set the community bank leverage ratio at 8% beginning in the second calendar quarter of 2020 through the end of 2020. The community bank leverage ratio increased to 8.5% for calendar year 2021. Community banks will have until January 1, 2022 before the community bank leverage ratio requirement will return to 9%. Pioneer Bank elected not to be subject to this new definition when it became effective on January 1, 2020.

Supervision and Enforcement Authority. Pioneer Bank is subject to extensive regulation, examination and supervision by the FDIC as the insurer of its deposits. This regulatory structure is intended primarily for the protection of the insurance fund and depositors.

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Pioneer Bank must file reports with the FDIC concerning its activities and financial condition in addition to obtaining regulatory approvals before entering into certain transactions such as mergers with, or acquisitions of, other financial institutions. There are periodic examinations by the FDIC to evaluate Pioneer Bank's safety and soundness and compliance with various regulatory requirements.

The regulatory structure also gives the FDIC extensive discretion in connection with its supervisory and enforcement activities and examination policies, including policies with respect to the classification of assets and the establishment of an adequate allowance for loan losses for regulatory purposes. The enforcement authority includes, among other things, the ability to assess civil money penalties, issue cease and desist orders and remove directors and officers. In general, these enforcement actions may be initiated in response to violations of laws and regulations, breaches of fiduciary duty and unsafe or unsound practices. The FDIC may also appoint itself as conservator or receiver for an insured bank under specified circumstances, including: (1) insolvency; (2) substantial dissipation of assets or earnings through violations of law or unsafe or unsound practices; (3) existence of an unsafe or unsound condition to transact business; (4) insufficient capital; or (5) the incurrence of losses that will deplete substantially all of the institution's capital with no reasonable prospect of replenishment without federal assistance.

Capital Requirements. Under FDIC regulations, Pioneer Bank is subject to a comprehensive capital framework for U.S. banking organizations that was effective January 2015 (the Basel III capital rules).

The capital standards require the maintenance of common equity Tier 1 capital, Tier 1 capital and total capital to risk-weighted assets of at least 4.5%, 6% and 8%, respectively, and a leverage ratio of at least 4% Tier 1 capital. Common equity Tier 1 capital is generally defined as common stockholders' equity and retained earnings. Tier 1 capital is generally defined as common equity Tier 1 and Additional Tier 1 capital. Additional Tier 1 capital generally includes certain noncumulative perpetual preferred stock and related surplus and minority interests in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries. Total capital includes Tier 1 capital (common equity Tier 1 capital plus Additional Tier 1 capital) and Tier 2 capital. Tier 2 capital is comprised of capital instruments and related surplus meeting specified requirements, and may include cumulative preferred stock and long-term perpetual preferred stock, mandatory convertible securities, intermediate preferred stock and subordinated debt. Also included in Tier 2 capital is the allowance for loan and lease losses limited to a maximum of 1.25% of risk-weighted assets and, for institutions that have exercised an opt-out election regarding the treatment of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ("AOCI"), up to 45% of net unrealized gains on available-for-sale equity securities with readily determinable fair market values. Institutions that have not exercised the AOCI opt-out have AOCI incorporated into common equity Tier 1 capital (including unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities). Pioneer Bank exercised the opt-out election regarding the treatment of AOCI. Calculation of all types of regulatory capital is subject to deductions and adjustments specified in the regulations.

In determining the amount of risk-weighted assets for purposes of calculating risk-based capital ratios, a bank's assets, including certain off-balance sheet assets (e.g., recourse obligations, direct credit substitutes, residual interests), are multiplied by a risk weight factor assigned by the regulations based on perceived risks inherent in the type of asset. Higher levels of capital are required for asset categories believed to present greater risk. For example, a risk weight of 0% is assigned to cash and U.S. government securities, a risk weight of 50% is generally assigned to prudently underwritten first lien one- to four-family residential mortgages, a risk weight of 100% is assigned to commercial and consumer loans, a risk weight of 150% is assigned to certain past due loans and a risk weight of between 0% to 600% is assigned to permissible equity interests, depending on certain specified factors.

In addition to establishing the minimum regulatory capital requirements, the 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 assets above the amount necessary to meet its minimum risk-based capital requirements. The capital conservation buffer requirement began being phased in as of January 1, 2016 and was fully implemented at 2.5% on January 1, 2019.

The federal banking agencies, including the FDIC, issued a rule pursuant to the Regulatory Relief Act to establish for institutions with assets of less than \$10 billion a "community bank leverage ratio" (the ratio of a bank's tier 1 capital to average total consolidated assets) of 9% that qualifying institutions may elect to use in lieu of the generally applicable leverage and risk-based capital requirements under Basel III. Pursuant to the CARES Act, the federal banking agencies

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issued a final rule in August 2020 to lower the community bank leverage ratio to 8% beginning in the second calendar quarter of 2020 through the end of 2020. In 2021, the community bank leverage ratio increased to 8.5% for the calendar year. The community bank leverage ratio requirement will return to 9% effective January 1, 2022. If an election to use the community bank leverage ratio capital framework is made, a qualifying bank with less than \$10 billion in assets with capital exceeding the specified community bank leverage ratio is considered compliant with all applicable regulatory capital and leverage requirements, including the requirement to be “well capitalized.” As of June 30, 2021 Pioneer Bank had not elected to be subject to the alternative framework.

The FDIC also has authority to establish individual minimum capital requirements in appropriate cases upon determination that an institution’s capital level is, or is likely to become, inadequate in light of the particular circumstances. At June 30, 2021, Pioneer Bank exceeded each of its capital requirements.

Standards for Safety and Soundness. As required by statute, the federal banking agencies have adopted final regulations and Interagency Guidelines Establishing Standards for Safety and Soundness. The guidelines set forth the safety and soundness standards the federal banking agencies use to identify and address problems at insured depository institutions before capital becomes impaired. The guidelines address internal controls and information systems, internal audit systems, credit underwriting, loan documentation, interest rate exposure, asset growth, asset quality, earnings and compensation, fees and benefits. The agencies have also established standards for safeguarding customer information. If the appropriate federal banking agency determines that an institution fails to meet any standard prescribed by the guidelines, the agency may require the institution to submit to the agency an acceptable plan to achieve compliance with the standard.

Investment Activities. All state-chartered savings banks insured by the FDIC are generally limited in their investment activities to principal and equity investments of the type and in the amount authorized for national banks, notwithstanding state law, subject to certain exceptions. For example, state-chartered banks may, with FDIC approval, continue to exercise state authority to invest in common or preferred stocks listed on a national securities exchange or the Nasdaq Stock Market and to invest in the shares of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The maximum permissible investment is 100% of Tier 1 capital, as specified by the FDIC’s regulations, or the maximum amount permitted by New York law, whichever is less.

In addition, the FDIC is authorized to permit state-chartered banks and savings banks to engage in state-authorized activities or investments not permissible for national banks (other than non-subsidiary equity investments) if they meet all applicable capital requirements and it is determined that such activities or investments do not pose a significant risk to the Deposit Insurance Fund. The FDIC has adopted procedures for institutions seeking approval to engage in such activities or investments. In addition, a nonmember bank may control a subsidiary that engages in activities as principal that would only be permitted for a national bank to conduct in a “financial subsidiary” if a bank meets specified conditions and deducts its investment in the subsidiary for regulatory capital purposes.

Interstate Banking and Branching. Federal law permits well capitalized and well managed bank holding companies to acquire banks in any state, subject to Federal Reserve Board approval, certain concentration limits and other specified conditions. Interstate mergers of banks are also authorized, subject to regulatory approval and other specified conditions. In addition, banks may establish de novo branches on an interstate basis provided that interstate branching is authorized by the law of the host state for the banks chartered by that state.

Prompt Corrective Regulatory Action. Federal law requires, among other things, that federal bank regulatory authorities take “prompt corrective action” with respect to banks that do not meet minimum capital requirements. For these purposes, the law establishes five capital categories: well capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized.

The FDIC has adopted regulations to implement the prompt corrective action framework under the Basel III capital rules. An institution is considered “well capitalized” if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of 10.0% or greater, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 8.0% or greater, a leverage ratio of 5.0% or greater and a common equity Tier 1 ratio of 6.5% or greater. An institution is “adequately capitalized” if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of 8.0% or greater, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of 6.0% or greater, a leverage ratio of 4.0% or greater and a common equity Tier 1 ratio of 4.5%

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or greater. An institution is “undercapitalized” if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of less than 8.0%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of less than 6.0%, a leverage ratio of less than 4.0% or a common equity Tier 1 ratio of less than 4.5%. An institution is “significantly undercapitalized” if it has a total risk-based capital ratio of less than 6.0%, a Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio of less than 4.0%, a leverage ratio of less than 3.0% or a common equity Tier 1 ratio of less than 3.0%. An institution is “critically undercapitalized” if it has a ratio of tangible equity (as defined in the regulations) to total assets equal to or less than 2.0%. At June 30, 2021, Pioneer Bank was classified as a “well capitalized” institution.

At each successive lower capital category, an insured depository institution is subject to more restrictions and prohibitions, including restrictions on growth, interest rates paid on deposits, payment of dividends, and acceptance of brokered deposits. Furthermore, if an insured depository institution is classified in one of the undercapitalized categories, it is required to submit a capital restoration plan to the appropriate federal banking agency, and its holding company, if applicable, must guarantee the performance of that plan. Based upon its capital levels, a bank that is classified as well-capitalized, adequately capitalized, or undercapitalized may be treated as though it were in the next lower capital category if the appropriate federal banking agency, after notice and opportunity for hearing, determines that an unsafe or unsound condition, or an unsafe or unsound practice, warrants such treatment. An undercapitalized bank’s compliance with a capital restoration plan is required to be guaranteed by any company that controls the undercapitalized institution in an amount equal to the lesser of 5.0% of the institution’s total assets when deemed undercapitalized or the amount necessary to achieve the status of adequately capitalized. If an “undercapitalized” bank fails to submit an acceptable plan, it is treated as if it is “significantly undercapitalized.” “Significantly undercapitalized” banks must comply with one or more of a number of additional restrictions, including an order by the FDIC to sell sufficient voting stock to become adequately capitalized, requirements to reduce total assets, cease receipt of deposits from correspondent banks or dismiss directors or officers, and restrictions on interest rates paid on deposits, compensation of executive officers and capital distributions by the parent holding company. “Critically undercapitalized” institutions are subject to additional measures including, subject to a narrow exception, the appointment of a receiver or conservator within 270 days after it is determined to be critically undercapitalized.

Transaction with Affiliates and Regulation W of the Federal Reserve Regulations. Transactions between banks and their affiliates are governed by federal law. Generally, Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act and the Federal Reserve Board’s Regulation W limit the extent to which a bank or its subsidiaries may engage in “covered transactions” with any one affiliate to an amount equal to 10.0% of the bank’s capital stock and surplus, and with all transactions with all affiliates to an amount equal to 20.0% of the bank’s capital stock and surplus. Section 23B applies to “covered transactions” as well as to certain other transactions and requires that all such transactions be on terms substantially the same, or at least as favorable, to the institution or subsidiary as those provided to a non-affiliate. The term “covered transaction” includes making loans to, purchasing assets from, and issuing guarantees to, an affiliate, and other similar transactions. Section 23B transactions also include the bank’s providing services and selling assets to an affiliate. In addition, loans or other extensions of credit by a bank to an affiliate are required to be collateralized according to the requirements set forth in Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act.

Sections 22(g) and (h) of the Federal Reserve Act place restrictions on loans to a bank’s insiders, i.e., executive officers, directors and principal stockholders. Under Section 22(h) of the Federal Reserve Act, loans to a director, an executive officer and to a greater than 10.0% stockholder of a financial institution, and certain affiliated interests of these persons, together with all other outstanding loans to such persons and affiliated interests, may not exceed specified limits. Section 22(h) of the Federal Reserve Act also requires that loans to directors, executive officers and principal stockholders be made on terms substantially the same as offered in comparable transactions to other persons and also requires prior board approval for certain loans. In addition, the aggregate amount of extensions of credit by a financial institution to insiders cannot exceed the institution’s unimpaired capital and surplus. Section 22(g) of the Federal Reserve Act places additional restrictions on loans to executive officers.

Federal Insurance of Deposit Accounts. Pioneer Bank is a member of the Deposit Insurance Fund, which is administered by the FDIC. Deposit accounts in Pioneer Bank are insured up to a maximum of \$250,000 for each separately insured depositor. Insurance of deposits may be terminated by the FDIC upon a finding that the institution has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices, is in an unsafe or unsound condition to continue operations or has violated any applicable law, regulation, rule order or regulatory condition imposed in writing. We do not know of any practice, condition or violation that might lead to termination of Pioneer Bank’s deposit insurance.

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Privacy Regulations. FDIC regulations generally require that Pioneer Bank disclose its privacy policy, including identifying with whom it shares a customer’s “non-public personal information,” to customers at the time of establishing the customer relationship and annually thereafter. In addition, Pioneer Bank is required to provide its customers with the ability to “opt-out” of having their personal information shared with unaffiliated third parties and to not disclose account numbers or access codes to non-affiliated third parties for marketing purposes.

Community Reinvestment Act. Under the Community Reinvestment Act, or CRA, as implemented by FDIC, a state non-member bank has a continuing and affirmative obligation, consistent with its safe and sound operation, to help meet the credit needs of its entire community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The CRA does not establish specific lending requirements or programs for financial institutions nor does it limit an institution’s discretion to develop the types of products and services that it believes are best suited to its particular community, consistent with the CRA. The CRA requires the FDIC, in connection with its examination of each state non-member bank, to assess the institution’s record of meeting the credit needs of its community and to take such record into account in its evaluation of certain applications by such institution, including applications to establish branches or acquire depository institutions by merger. The CRA requires the FDIC to provide a written evaluation of an institution’s CRA performance utilizing a four-tiered descriptive rating system. Pioneer Bank’s latest Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation CRA rating in September 2020 was “Satisfactory.”

In July 2021, the FDIC, Federal Reserve Board and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the federal agency that primarily regulates national banks and federal savings associations) announced plans to jointly work to “strengthen and modernize” the CRA regulations and framework. No timetable for a rulemaking was indicated.

New York has its own statutory counterpart to the CRA, which is applicable to Pioneer Bank. New York Banking law requires the NYSDFS to consider a bank’s record of performance under New York law in considering any application by the bank to establish a branch or other deposit-taking facility, to relocate an office or to merge or consolidate with or acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of any other banking institution. Pioneer Bank’s most recent rating under New York law was “Satisfactory”.

Consumer Protection and Fair Lending Regulations. Pioneer Bank is subject to a variety of federal and New York statutes and regulations that are intended to protect consumers and prohibit discrimination in the granting of credit. These statutes and regulations provide for a range of sanctions for non-compliance with their terms, including imposition of administrative fines and remedial orders, and referral to the Attorney General for prosecution of a civil action for actual and punitive damages and injunctive relief. Certain of these statutes, including Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, which prohibits unfair and deceptive acts and practices against consumers, authorize private individual and class action lawsuits and the award of actual, statutory and punitive damages and attorneys’ fees for certain types of violations. Federal laws also prohibit unfair, deceptive or abusive acts or practices against consumers, which can be enforced by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the FDIC and state Attorneys General.

Federal Reserve System

Under federal law and regulations, Pioneer Bank is required to maintain sufficient liquidity to ensure safe and sound banking practices. Regulation D, promulgated by the Federal Reserve Board, imposes reserve requirements on all depository institutions, including Pioneer Bank, which maintain transaction accounts or non-personal time deposits. In April 2020, due to a change in its approach to monetary policy due to COVID-19, the Federal Reserve Board announced an interim rule to amend Regulation D requirements and reduce reserve requirement ratios to zero. The Federal Reserve Board has indicated that it has no plans to re-impose reserve requirements, but may do so in the future if conditions warrant.

Federal Home Loan Bank System

Pioneer Bank is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, which consists of 11 regional Federal Home Loan Banks. The Federal Home Loan Banks provide a central credit facility primarily for member institutions. Pioneer Bank, as a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, is required to acquire and hold shares of capital stock in the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York. Pioneer Bank was in compliance with this requirement at June 30, 2021.

Holding Company Regulation

Federal Holding Company Regulation. Pioneer Bancorp, MHC and Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. are bank holding companies registered with the Federal Reserve Board and subject to regulations, examination, supervision and reporting requirements applicable to bank holding companies. In addition, the Federal Reserve Board has enforcement authority over Pioneer Bancorp, MHC and Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. and their non-savings bank subsidiaries. Among other things, this authority permits the Federal Reserve Board to restrict or prohibit activities that are determined to be a serious risk to the subsidiary savings bank. The Federal Reserve Board must generally approve the acquisition of additional banks or savings associations by bank holding companies.

A bank holding company is generally prohibited from engaging in non-banking activities, or acquiring direct or indirect control of more than 5% of the voting securities of any company engaged in non-banking activities. One of the principal exceptions to this prohibition is for activities the Federal Reserve Board determines to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. Some of the principal activities that the Federal Reserve Board has determined by regulation to be so closely related to banking are: (1) making or servicing loans; (2) performing certain data processing services; (3) providing discount brokerage services; (4) acting as fiduciary, investment or financial advisor; (5) leasing personal or real property; (6) making investments in corporations or projects designed primarily to promote community welfare; and (7) acquiring a savings and loan association whose direct and indirect activities are limited to those permitted for bank holding companies.

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 authorizes a bank holding company that meets specified conditions, including that its depository institution subsidiaries are “well capitalized” and “well managed,” to opt to become a “financial holding company.” A “financial holding company” may engage in a broader array of financial activities than permitted a typical bank holding company. Such activities can include insurance underwriting and investment banking. As of June 30, 2021, Pioneer Bancorp, MHC and Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. were not “financial holding companies.”

Capital. The Federal Reserve Board must establish for all bank and savings and loan holding companies minimum consolidated capital requirements that are as stringent as those required for their insured depository subsidiaries. Pursuant to the Regulatory Relief Act, bank holding companies with less than \$3.0 billion in consolidated assets generally are not subject to the capital requirements unless otherwise advised by the Federal Reserve Board.

Dividends and Stock Repurchases. A bank holding company is generally required to give the Federal Reserve Board prior written notice of any purchase or redemption of then outstanding equity securities if the gross consideration for the purchase or redemption, when combined with the net consideration paid for all such purchases or redemptions during the preceding 12 months, is equal to 10% or more of the company’s consolidated net worth. The Federal Reserve Board may disapprove such a purchase or redemption if it determines that the proposal would constitute an unsafe and unsound practice, or would violate any law, regulation, Federal Reserve Board order or directive, or any condition imposed by, or written agreement with, the Federal Reserve Board. There is an exception to this approval requirement for well-capitalized bank holding companies that meet certain other conditions.

The Federal Reserve Board has issued a policy statement regarding capital distributions, including dividends, by bank holding companies. In general, the policy provides that dividends should be paid only from current earnings and only if the prospective rate of earnings retention by the bank holding company appears consistent with the organization’s capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. The policy also requires that a bank holding company serve as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary banks by standing ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to those banks during periods of financial stress or adversity, and by maintaining the financial flexibility and capital-raising capacity to obtain additional resources for assisting its subsidiary banks where necessary. Additionally, under the prompt corrective action laws, the ability of a bank holding company to pay dividends may be restricted if a subsidiary bank becomes undercapitalized. These regulatory policies could affect the ability of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. to pay dividends or otherwise engage in capital distributions.

Waivers of Dividends by Pioneer Bancorp, MHC. Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. may pay dividends on its common stock to public stockholders. If it does, it is also required to pay the same dividends per share to Pioneer Bancorp, MHC, unless Pioneer Bancorp, MHC elects to waive the receipt of dividends. Pioneer Bancorp, MHC must receive the prior approval

of the Federal Reserve Board before it may waive the receipt of any dividends from Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. However, current Federal Reserve Board policy prohibits a mutual holding company that is regulated as a bank holding company, such as Pioneer Bancorp, MHC, from waiving the receipt of dividends paid by its subsidiary holding company. Moreover, the Federal Reserve Board has issued an interim final rule applicable to federally-chartered mutual holding companies, stating that it will not object to dividend waivers under certain circumstances, provided (1) the mutual holding company's members have approved the dividend waivers by a majority of eligible votes, (2) each officer or trustee of the mutual holding company and mid-tier stock holding company, and any tax-qualified or non-tax qualified stock benefit plan in which such individual participates that holds any shares of stock to which the waiver would apply waives the right to receive any dividends declared, *or* the dividend waivers are approved by a majority of the entire board of trustees of the mutual holding company with any officer or trustee of the mutual holding company having any direct or indirect ownership interest in the common stock of the subsidiary mid-tier holding company abstaining from the board vote, and (3) any dividends waived by the mutual holding company are considered in determining an appropriate exchange ratio in the event of a conversion of the mutual holding company to stock form.

Because of the foregoing Federal Reserve Board restrictions on the ability of a mutual holding company, such as Pioneer Bancorp, MHC, to waive the receipt of dividends declared by its subsidiary mid-tier stock holding company, it is unlikely that Pioneer Bancorp, MHC will be able to waive the receipt of any dividends declared by Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. Therefore, unless Federal Reserve Board regulations or policy change by allowing Pioneer Bancorp, MHC to waive the receipt of dividends declared by Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. without diluting minority stockholders, it is unlikely that Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. will pay any dividends.

Possible Conversion of Pioneer Bancorp, MHC to Stock Form. In the future, Pioneer Bancorp, MHC may convert from the mutual to capital stock form of ownership, in a transaction commonly referred to as a "second-step conversion." In a second-step conversion, depositors of Pioneer Bank would have subscription rights to purchase common stock of the fully-converted Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. and the public stockholders of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. would be entitled to exchange their shares of common stock for an equal percentage of shares of the fully-converted Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., subject to adjustment if required by the Federal Reserve Board, to reflect any dividends waived by Pioneer Bancorp, MHC or assets owned by Pioneer Bancorp, MHC.

The board of trustees of Pioneer Bancorp, MHC has no current plans to undertake a second-step conversion transaction. Any second-step conversion transaction would require the approval of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. common stock (excluding shares held by Pioneer Bancorp, MHC) and the approval of depositors of Pioneer Bank. Stockholders will not be able to force a second-step conversion without the consent of Pioneer Bancorp, MHC since a second-step conversion also requires the approval of a majority of all of the outstanding common stock of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., which can only be achieved if Pioneer Bancorp, MHC votes to approve the second-step conversion.

Acquisition. Federal laws and regulations provide that no person (including a company) may acquire control of a bank holding company, such as Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., without the prior non-objection or approval of the Federal Reserve Board pursuant to the Change in Bank Control Act. Control, as defined under the applicable regulations, means the power, directly or indirectly, to direct the management or policies of the company or to vote 25% or more of any class of voting securities of the company. Acquisition of 10% or more of any class of a bank holding company's voting securities constitutes a rebuttable presumption of control under certain circumstances, including where, as is the case with Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., the issuer has registered securities under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Any company that seeks to acquire "control" within the meaning of the Bank Holding Company Act, and the Federal Reserve Board regulations thereunder, must receive the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board under that Act and, upon the acquisition, becomes a "bank holding company" subject to registration, examination and regulation by the Federal Reserve Board.

New York Holding Company Regulation. Pioneer Bancorp, MHC and Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. are subject to regulation under New York banking law. Among other requirements, Pioneer Bancorp, MHC and Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. must receive the approval of the NYDFS before acquiring 10% or more of the voting stock of another banking institution, or to otherwise acquire a banking institution by merger or purchase.

Federal Securities Laws

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.'s common stock is registered with the SEC. Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. is subject to the information, proxy solicitation, insider trading restrictions and other requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The registration under the Securities Act of 1933 of shares of common stock issued in the offering does not cover the resale of those shares. Shares of common stock purchased by persons who are not affiliates of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. may be resold without registration. Shares purchased by an affiliate of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. will be subject to the resale restrictions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933. If Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. meets the current public information requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, each affiliate that complies with the other conditions of Rule 144, including those that require the affiliate's sale to be aggregated with those of other persons, would be able to sell in the public market, without registration, a number of shares not to exceed, in any three-month period, the greater of 1% of the outstanding shares of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., or the average weekly volume of trading in the shares during the preceding four calendar weeks.

Emerging Growth Company Status. Under the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the "JOBS Act"), a company with total annual gross revenues of less than \$1.07 billion during its most recently completed fiscal year qualifies as an "emerging growth company." Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. qualifies as an emerging growth company under the JOBS Act.

An "emerging growth company" may choose not to hold stockholder votes to approve annual executive compensation (more frequently referred to as "say-on-pay" votes) or executive compensation payable in connection with a merger (more frequently referred to as "say-on-golden parachute" votes). An emerging growth company also is not subject to the requirement that its auditors attest to the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting, and can provide scaled disclosure regarding executive compensation. Finally, an emerging growth company may elect to comply with new or amended accounting pronouncements in the same manner as a private company, but must make such election when the company is first required to file a registration statement. Such an election is irrevocable during the period a company is an emerging growth company. Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. has elected to comply with new or amended accounting pronouncements in the same manner as a private company.

A company loses emerging growth company status on the earlier of: (1) the last day of the fiscal year of the company during which it had total annual gross revenues of \$1.07 billion or more; (2) the last day of the fiscal year of the issuer following the fifth anniversary of the date of the first sale of common equity securities of the company pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933; (3) the date on which such company has, during the previous three-year period, issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt; or (4) the date on which such company is deemed to be a "large accelerated filer" under Securities and Exchange Commission regulations (generally, a "large accelerated filer" is defined as a corporation with at least \$700 million of voting and non-voting equity held by non-affiliates).

Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act is intended to improve corporate responsibility, provide for enhanced penalties for accounting and auditing improprieties at publicly traded companies and protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures pursuant to the securities laws. Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. has policies, procedures and systems designed to comply with these regulations, and Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. will review and document such policies, procedures and systems to ensure continued compliance with these regulations.

TAXATION

Federal Taxation

General. The Company and subsidiaries are subject to federal income taxation in the same general manner as other corporations, with some exceptions discussed below. The following discussion of federal taxation is intended only to summarize material federal income tax matters and is not a comprehensive description of the tax rules applicable to Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. and Pioneer Bank.

Method of Accounting. For federal income tax purposes, the Company currently reports its income and expenses on the accrual method of accounting and uses a tax year ending December 31 for filing its federal income tax returns.

Net Operating Loss Carryovers. Effective with the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, net operating loss carrybacks are no longer permitted, and net operating losses are allowed to be carried forward indefinitely. Net operating loss carryforwards arising from tax years beginning after January 1, 2018 are limited to offset a maximum of 80% of a future year's taxable income. On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was enacted. The CARES Act includes several provisions that impact the Company, including net operating losses. Under the CARES Act, the current net operating loss rules put in place under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act were temporarily revised to allow losses arising in 2018, 2019, and 2020 to be carried back five years.

Capital Loss Carryovers. Generally, a financial institution may carry back capital losses to the preceding three taxable years and forward to the succeeding five taxable years. Any capital loss carryback or carryover is treated as a short-term capital loss for the year to which it is carried. As such, it is grouped with any other capital losses for the year to which carried and is used to offset any capital gains. Any loss remaining after the five year carryover period that has not been deducted is no longer deductible. At June 30, 2021, Pioneer Bank had no capital loss carryovers.

Corporate Dividends. We may generally exclude from our income 100% of dividends received from Pioneer Bank as a member of the same affiliated group of corporations.

Audit of Tax Returns. Pioneer Bank's federal income tax returns and New York State income tax returns have not been audited in the last three years.

State Taxation

In March 2014, tax legislation was enacted that changed the manner in which financial institutions and their affiliates are taxed in New York State. Taxable income is apportioned to New York State based on the location of the taxpayer's customers, with special rules for income from certain financial transactions. The location of the taxpayer's offices and branches are not relevant to the determination of income apportioned to New York State. The statutory tax rate is currently 6.5% if New York State business income is less than \$5.0 million, or 7.25% if New York State business income exceeds \$5.0 million. An alternative tax on apportioned capital, capped at \$5.0 million for a tax year, is imposed to the extent that it exceeds the tax on apportioned income. The New York State alternative tax rate is 0.05% for 2019, 0.025% for 2020 and 0.1875% for tax years 2021-2023. Qualified community banks and thrift institutions that maintain a qualified loan portfolio are entitled to a specially computed modification that reduces the income taxable to New York State.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

Risk Factors Summary

An investment in our common stock involves substantial risks and uncertainties. Stockholders should carefully consider all of the information in this section. The most significant risks include the following:

Risks Relating to COVID-19 Pandemic

- Our business, financial condition, capital and results of operations have been, and will likely continue to be, adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Risks Related to Our Business

- The Restatement of certain of our historical consolidated financial statements may have an adverse effect on us.
- Our loan portfolio consists of a high percentage of loans secured by commercial real estate. These loans carry a greater credit risk than loans secured by one- to four-family properties.
- A large portion of our loan portfolio is comprised of commercial and industrial loans secured by accounts receivable, inventory, equipment or other business assets, the deterioration in value of which could increase the potential for future losses.
- We make and hold in our portfolio commercial construction loans, which are considered to have greater credit risk than residential loans made by financial institutions.
- We have a significant number of loans secured by real estate, and a downturn in the local real estate market could negatively impact our profitability.
- Our allowance for loan losses may not be sufficient to cover actual loan losses.
- We are subject to fraud and compliance risk.
- The Company is a defendant in a variety of litigation and other actions, which may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.
- We are highly regulated, and any adverse regulatory action may result in additional costs, loss of business opportunities, and reputational damage.
- Non-compliance with the USA PATRIOT Act, Bank Secrecy Act, or other laws and regulations will subject us to fines or sanctions.
- Changes in management's estimates and assumptions may have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and our financial condition or operating results.
- Changes in interest rates may reduce our profits.
- Municipal deposits are price sensitive and could result in an increase in interest expense or funding fluctuations.
- The level of our commercial real estate loan portfolio subjects us to additional regulatory scrutiny.
- We use a third party to originate one- to four-family residential mortgage loans.
- Our business strategy involves moderate growth, and our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected if we fail to grow or fail to manage our growth effectively.
- Changes in the valuation of our securities portfolio may reduce our profits and our capital levels.
- A portion of our loan portfolio consists of loan participations secured by properties outside our market area. Loan participations may have a higher risk of loss than loans we originate because we are not the lead lender and we have limited control over credit monitoring.
- Conditions in insurance markets could adversely affect our earnings.
- Involvement in wealth management creates risks associated with the industry.
- Changes in market conditions, changes in discount rates, changes in mortality assumptions or lower returns on assets may increase required contributions to, and costs associated with, our tax-qualified defined benefit plan in future periods.
- Replacement of the LIBOR benchmark interest rate could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.
- Strong competition within our market area may reduce our profits and slow growth.

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- We continually encounter technological changes and the failure to understand and adapt to these changes could hurt our business.
- We are subject to stringent capital requirements, which may adversely impact our return on equity, require us to raise additional capital, or restrict us from paying dividends or repurchasing shares.
- Our success depends on retaining certain key personnel.
- Systems failures or breaches of our network security could subject us to increased operating costs as well as litigation and other liabilities.
- Changes in accounting standards could affect reported earnings.
- The cost of additional finance and accounting systems, procedures and controls in order to satisfy our public company reporting requirements will increase our expenses.
- Our risk management framework may not be effective in mitigating risk and reducing the potential for significant losses.
- We are subject to environmental liability risk associated with lending activities.
- We are a community bank and our ability to maintain our reputation is critical to the success of our business and the failure to do so may materially adversely affect our performance.

Risks Relating to Ownership of Our Common Stock

- Pioneer Bancorp, MHC's majority control of our common stock will enable it to exercise voting control over most matters put to a vote of stockholders and will prevent stockholders from forcing a sale or a second-step conversion transaction you may find advantageous.
- Our common stock is not heavily traded, and the stock price may fluctuate significantly.
- Federal Reserve Board regulations and policy effectively prohibit Pioneer Bancorp, MHC from waiving the receipt of dividends, which will likely preclude us from paying any dividends on our common stock.
- Our stock value may be negatively affected by applicable regulations that restrict stock repurchases.
- Various factors may make takeover attempts more difficult to achieve.
- We are an emerging growth company, and if we elect to comply only with the reduced reporting and disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies, our common stock may be less attractive to investors.
- Our contribution to the charitable foundation may not be tax deductible, which could reduce our profits.

Risks Relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Our business, financial condition, capital and results of operations have been, and will likely continue to be, adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In December 2019, a coronavirus (COVID-19) was reported in China, and, in March 2020, the World Health Organization declared it a pandemic. On March 12, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States a national emergency. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant economic dislocation in the United States as many state and local governments have ordered non-essential businesses to close and residents to shelter in place at home, including the State of New York. During the third and fourth fiscal quarters of 2021, some of these restrictions were removed and some non-essential businesses were allowed to re-open in a limited capacity, adhering to social distancing and disinfection guidelines. However, a new variant of the coronavirus, generally referred to as the "Delta" variant, has emerged in the United States and remains a significant concern in some regions and potentially, throughout the country. This variant is believed to be significantly more contagious than earlier variants of the coronavirus. Certain previously-relaxed social distancing and safety protocols have been reinstated in some areas of the country and it is possible that such protocols could be reinstated broadly in the future. The economic effects of these varying protocol reinstatement actions on the Company's operations cannot be determined with certainty at this time. While distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine is underway in the U.S. and business and travel restrictions have partially eased within the primary geographic markets the Company serves, rates of transmission have fluctuated both nationally and in our geographic market. It is not clear when the pandemic will abate. This crisis resulted in an unprecedented slow-down in economic activity and a related increase in unemployment. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, millions of people have filed claims for unemployment, and stock markets have experienced extreme volatility. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Federal Reserve Board has reduced the benchmark Fed funds rate to a target range of 0% to 0.25%, and the yields on

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10 and 30-year treasury notes declined to historic lows. The State of New York and certain Federal agencies are requiring lenders to provide forbearance and other relief to borrowers (e.g., waiving late payment and other fees). New York legislation allows certain borrowers to seek forbearance on residential mortgage loans (including home equity loans) if financial hardship is demonstrated as a result of COVID-19 for up to 180 days with an option for an additional 180 days. The federal banking agencies have encouraged financial institutions to prudently work with affected borrowers and legislation has provided relief from reporting loan classifications due to modifications related to the COVID-19 outbreak. The success of these measures is not yet entirely known and those measures may not be sufficient to fully mitigate the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, some measures, such as a suspension of mortgage and other loan payments and foreclosures, may have a negative impact on the Company's business, financial condition, liquidity, capital and results of operations. If such measures are not effective in mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company's borrowers, the Company may also experience higher rates of default and increased credit losses in future periods.

Additionally, we are a participating lender in the PPP under the CARES Act. Under the PPP, small businesses may, subject to certain regulatory requirements, obtain low interest (1%), government-guaranteed SBA loans. These loans may be forgiven if the funds are used for designated expenses and meet certain designated requirements. The PPP ended in May 2021. If our borrowers fail to qualify for PPP loan forgiveness, or if the PPP loans are not fully guaranteed by the US government, we risk holding loans with unfavorable terms and may experience losses related to our PPP loans. Government programs such as the PPP are complex and the Company's participation may lead to litigation and governmental, regulatory and third party scrutiny, negative publicity and damage to its reputation. Any financial liability, litigation costs or reputational damage caused by PPP-related litigation could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial position, results of operations and prospects. The length of the pandemic and the efficacy of the extraordinary measures being put in place to address it are unknown. It is unknown when there will be a return to normal business activity and a subsiding of the economic stress associated with the pandemic. Prolonged continuation of the pandemic could worsen these risks and impacts. Until the pandemic subsides, the Company expects continued draws on lines of credit, reduced revenues in many of its fee-related businesses and increased customer and client defaults, including defaults in unsecured loans. Even after the pandemic subsides, the U.S. economy may experience a prolonged economic slowdown or recession, and our business would be materially and adversely affected by a prolonged economic slowdown or recession.

As the result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the related adverse economic consequences, we could be subject to any of the following risks, any of which could have a material, adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity, prospects and results of operations:

- demand for our products and services may decline, making it difficult to grow assets and income;
- if the economy is unable to fully reopen, and high levels of unemployment continue for an extended period of time, loan delinquencies, deferral requests, problem assets, and foreclosures may increase, resulting in increased charges and reduced income;
- collateral for loans, especially real estate, may decline in value, which could cause loan losses to increase;
- the estimates and assumptions we use may prove to be inadequate or incorrect, and the actual results may differ materially from our estimates and assumptions;
- our allowance for loan losses may have to be increased if borrowers experience financial difficulties beyond forbearance periods or if the federal government fails to guarantee or forgive our customers' PPP loans, which will adversely affect our net income;
- the net worth and liquidity of loan guarantors may decline, impairing their ability to honor commitments to us;

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- as the result of the decline in the Federal Reserve Board’s target federal funds rate to near 0%, the yield on our assets may decline to a greater extent than the decline in our cost of interest-bearing liabilities, reducing our net interest margin and spread and reducing net income;
- our wealth management revenues may decline with continuing market turmoil;
- our PPP customers may fail to qualify for PPP loan forgiveness, or we may experience other uncertainties or losses related to our PPP loans;
- our cyber security risks are increased as the result of an increase in the number of employees working remotely;
- we rely on third party vendors for certain services and the unavailability of a critical service due to the COVID-19 outbreak could have an adverse effect on us; and
- FDIC premiums may increase if the agency experiences additional resolution costs.

Moreover, our future success and profitability substantially depends on the management skills of our executive officers and directors, many of whom have held officer and director positions with us for many years. The unanticipated loss or unavailability of key employees due to the outbreak could harm our ability to operate our business or execute our business strategy. We may not be successful in finding and integrating suitable successors in the event of key employee loss or unavailability.

Any one or a combination of the factors identified above could negatively impact our business, financial condition and results of operations and prospects.

Risks Related to Our Business

The Restatement of certain of our historical consolidated financial statements may have an adverse effect on us.

As disclosed in Amendment No. 2 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 filed with the SEC on February 22, 2021, the Company restated certain of its audited consolidated financial statements (the “Restatement”). Management has assessed the effect of the Restatement on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting and its disclosure controls and procedures, all as described in Part II, Item 9A, “Controls and Procedures” of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. As of the date of the filing of this report, we have completed our remediation plan for the material weakness we identified in relation to the Restatement of our financial statements. While management believes that the remedial efforts have resolved the identified material weakness, there is no assurance that such remedial efforts will ultimately have the intended effects or that additional remedial actions will not be necessary.

If we identify any new material weakness in the future, any such newly identified material weakness could limit our ability to prevent or detect a misstatement of our accounts or disclosures that could result in a material misstatement of our annual or interim financial statements. In such case, we may be unable to maintain compliance with securities law requirements regarding accurate and timely filing of periodic reports and with applicable NASDAQ listing requirements, investors may lose confidence in our financial reporting, and our stock price may decline as a result. We cannot assure you that the measures we have taken to date, or any measures we may take in the future, will be sufficient to avoid potential future material weaknesses. Additionally, as a result of the material weakness we have identified in our internal controls over financial reporting for the Restatement, as well as other matters raised or that may in the future be raised by the SEC, we may in the future be exposed to litigation or other disputes concerning, among others, claims invoking the federal and state securities laws, contractual claims or other claims arising from the Restatement and the material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting and the preparation of our financial statements. Any such litigation or dispute, regardless of its outcome, could have a material adverse effect on our business, operations, financial condition, results of operations and share price.

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As a result of the Restatement, we may become subject to a number of significant risks, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations, including: we may be subject to potential civil litigation, including shareholder class action lawsuits and derivative claims made on behalf of us, and regulatory proceedings or actions, the defense of which may require us to devote significant management attention and to incur significant legal expense and which litigation, proceedings or actions, if decided against us, could require us to pay substantial judgments, settlements or other penalties.

Our loan portfolio consists of a high percentage of loans secured by commercial real estate. These loans carry a greater credit risk than loans secured by one- to four-family properties.

Our loan portfolio includes commercial real estate loans, primarily loans secured by office buildings, industrial facilities, retail facilities, multi-family properties and other commercial properties. At June 30, 2021, our commercial real estate loans totaled \$490.1 million, or 44.5%, of our total loan portfolio. Our commercial real estate loans expose us to greater risk of nonpayment and loss than one- to four-family residential mortgage loans because repayment of the loans often depends on the successful operation and income stream of the borrowers. If we foreclose on these loans, our holding period for the collateral typically is longer than for a one- to four-family residential property because there are fewer potential purchasers of the collateral. In addition, commercial real estate loans typically involve larger loan balances to single borrowers or groups of related borrowers compared to one- to four-family residential loans. Accordingly, charge-offs on commercial real estate loans may be larger on a per loan basis than those incurred with our residential or consumer loan portfolios. An unexpected adverse development on one or more of these types of loans can expose us to a significantly greater risk of loss compared to an adverse development with respect to a one- to four-family residential mortgage loan. In addition, the physical condition of non-owner occupied properties may be below that of owner-occupied properties due to lax property maintenance standards, which have a negative impact on the value of the collateral properties. As our commercial real estate loans increase, the corresponding risks and potential for losses from these loans may also increase, which would adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A large portion of our loan portfolio is comprised of commercial and industrial loans secured by accounts receivable, inventory, equipment or other business assets, the deterioration in value of which could increase the potential for future losses.

At June 30, 2021, \$167.9 million, or 15.2% of our total loan portfolio, was comprised of commercial and industrial loans and lines of credit to a variety of small and medium-sized businesses in our market area collateralized by general business assets including, among other things, accounts receivable and inventory, and we may augment this collateral with additional liens on real property. These commercial and industrial loans are typically larger in amount than loans to individuals and, therefore, have the potential for larger losses on a per loan basis. Additionally, the repayment of commercial and industrial loans is subject to the ongoing business operations of the borrower. The collateral securing such loans generally includes moveable property such as inventory, which may decline in value more rapidly than we anticipate, or may be difficult to market and sell, exposing us to increased credit risk. Significant adverse changes in the economy or local market conditions in which our commercial lending customers operate or individual business activities of our commercial customers could cause rapid declines in loan collectability and the values associated with general business assets, resulting in inadequate collateral coverage that may expose us to credit losses and could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We make and hold in our portfolio commercial construction loans, which are considered to have greater credit risk than residential loans made by financial institutions.

We originate and purchase commercial construction loans primarily to local developers to finance the construction of commercial and multi-family properties or to acquire land for development of commercial and multi-family properties and to finance infrastructure improvements. We also provide commercial construction loans to local developers for the construction of one- to four-family residential developments, and originate rehabilitation loans, enabling the borrower to partially or totally refurbish an existing structure. At June 30, 2021, commercial construction loans were \$64.9 million, or 5.9% of our total loan portfolio. We also had undrawn amounts on the commercial construction loans totaling \$16.1 million at June 30, 2021. Commercial construction loans are considered more risky than residential mortgage loans. The primary credit risks associated with construction lending are underwriting risks, project risks and market risks. Project

risks include cost overruns, borrower credit risk, project completion risk, general contractor credit risk, and environmental and other hazard risks. Market risks are risks associated with the sale of the completed project. They include affordability risk, which means the risk of affordability of financing by borrowers, product design risk, and risks posed by competing projects.

We have a significant number of loans secured by real estate, and a downturn in the local real estate market could negatively impact our profitability.

At June 30, 2021, approximately \$910.0 million, or 82.5%, of our total loan portfolio was secured by real estate, most of which is located in our primary lending market, the Capital Region of New York and surrounding markets. Declines in the real estate values in the Capital Region of New York and surrounding markets as a result of a recession could significantly impair the value of the particular collateral securing our loans and our ability to sell the collateral upon foreclosure for an amount necessary to satisfy the borrower's obligations to us. This could require increasing our allowance for loan losses to address the decrease in the value of the real estate securing our loans, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and growth prospects.

Unlike larger financial institutions that are more geographically diversified, our profitability depends primarily on the general economic conditions in our primary market area. Local economic conditions have a significant impact on our residential real estate, commercial real estate, construction, commercial and industrial and consumer lending, including, the ability of borrowers to repay these loans and the value of the collateral securing these loans.

Economic conditions in our primary market have recently been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and further deterioration in economic conditions could result in the following consequences, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations:

- demand for our products and services may decrease;
- loan delinquencies, problem assets and foreclosures may increase;
- collateral for loans, especially real estate, may decline in value, thereby reducing customers' future borrowing power, and reducing the value of assets and collateral associated with existing loans;
- the value of our securities portfolio may decrease; and
- the net worth and liquidity of loan guarantors may decrease, thereby impairing their ability to honor commitments made to us.

Moreover, a significant decline in general economic conditions, caused by inflation, acts of terrorism, an outbreak of hostilities or other international or domestic calamities or other factors beyond our control could further impact these local economic conditions and could further negatively affect our financial performance. In addition, deflationary pressures, while possibly lowering our operating costs, could have a significant negative effect on our borrowers, especially our business borrowers, and the values of underlying collateral securing loans, which could negatively affect our financial performance.

Our allowance for loan losses may not be sufficient to cover actual loan losses.

We maintain an allowance for loan losses, which is established through a provision for loan losses that represents management's best estimate of probable incurred losses within the existing portfolio of loans. We make various assumptions and judgments about the collectability of loans in our portfolio, including the creditworthiness of borrowers and the value of the real estate and other assets serving as collateral for the repayment of loans. In determining the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, we rely on our experience and our evaluation of economic conditions. If our assumptions prove to be incorrect, or if certain intervening events occur (like fraud by a customer or the COVID-19 pandemic), our allowance for loan losses may not be sufficient to cover losses inherent in our loan portfolio, and adjustments may be

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necessary to address different economic conditions or adverse developments in the loan portfolio. Consequently, a problem with one or more loans could require us to significantly increase our provision for loan losses. In addition, federal and state regulators periodically review our allowance for loan losses and may require us to increase our provision for loan losses or recognize additional loan charge-offs. Material additions to the allowance for loan losses would materially decrease our net income and would adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board has adopted a new accounting standard that will be effective for Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. and Pioneer Bank for our fiscal year beginning after July 1, 2023. This standard, referred to as Current Expected Credit Loss, or CECL, will require financial institutions to determine periodic estimates of lifetime expected credit losses on loans, and recognize the expected credit losses as allowances for loan losses. This will change the current method of establishing allowances for loan losses that are probable, which may require us to increase our allowance for loan losses, and increase the data we would need to collect and review to determine the appropriate level of our allowance for loan losses.

We are subject to fraud and compliance risk.

We are susceptible to fraudulent activity committed against us or our clients, which may result in financial losses or increased costs to us or our clients, disclosure or misuse of our information or our client information, misappropriation of assets, privacy breaches against our clients, litigation or damage to our reputation. We have experienced fraudulent activities that are adversely impacting our current financial performance and results of operations. See Item 7 – “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Mann Entities Related Fraudulent Activity,” for details. We expect these activities to continue to negatively impact our financial performance and results of operations. We are involved in numerous legal and other proceedings due to, among other reasons the fraud. See Item 3 – “Legal Proceedings,” for details.

We are also subject to fraud and compliance risk in connection with the origination of loans, ACH transactions, wire transactions, ATM transactions, checking transactions, and debit cards that we have issued to our customers and through our online banking portals. There can be no assurance that such incidents or losses will not occur again or that such acts will be detected in a timely manner.

We maintain a system of internal controls and other measures to mitigate against such risks, including data processing system failures and errors, and customer fraud. If we fail to prevent or detect any such occurrence, or if any resulting loss is not insured, exceeds applicable insurance limits or if the insurance companies dispute or deny coverage, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. With respect to the fraud described in Item 7 – “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Mann Entities Related Fraudulent Activity,” and the proceedings described in Item 3 – “Legal Proceedings,” our insurance carriers have (a) denied coverage with respect to some of the claims, (b) accepted coverage, subject to certain conditions, with respect to some of the claims, and (c) sought additional information from the Company in order to further evaluate coverage. It is possible that our insurance may not cover any claims or costs related to the proceedings described in these two sections. While we have recognized insurance recoveries related to the partial reimbursement of defense costs incurred related to certain of these proceedings, we cannot give any assurance regarding the additional recovery, if any, we may obtain from our insurance carriers.

The Company is a defendant in a variety of litigation and other actions, which may have a material adverse effect on the Company’s financial condition and results of operations.

The Company and Pioneer Bank are involved in a variety of litigation and other proceedings. See Item 3 – “Legal Proceedings,” and Item 7 – “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Mann Entities Related Fraudulent Activity,” for details. We are prosecuting and defending these lawsuits and other proceedings vigorously, and management believes that the Bank has substantial defenses to the claims that have been asserted. The ultimate outcome of any such proceedings, cannot be predicted with any certainty. It also remains possible that other private parties or governmental authorities will pursue additional claims against the Bank as a result of the Bank’s dealings with certain of the Mann Entities or as a result of the actions taken by the Pioneer Parties. The Company’s and the Bank’s legal fees, costs and expenses related to these actions are significant and are expected to continue being

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significant. In addition, costs associated with potentially prosecuting, litigating or settling any litigation, satisfying any adverse judgments, if any, or other proceedings, could be significant. These future costs, settlements, judgments, sanctions or other expenses could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In addition, it is inherently difficult to assess the outcome of these matters, and we may not prevail in such proceedings or litigation. Any such legal or regulatory actions will subject us to substantial compensatory or punitive damages, significant fines, sanctions, penalties, obligations to change our business practices or other requirements resulting in increased expenses, diminished income and damage to our reputation. Our involvement in any such matters, whether tangential or otherwise, and even if the matters are ultimately determined in our favor, could also cause significant harm to our reputation and divert management attention from the operation of our business. In view of the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of such matters, we cannot predict the eventual outcome of the pending matters, timing of the ultimate resolution of these matters, or eventual loss, fines or penalties related to each pending matter. We establish an accrued liability when those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and estimable. These estimates are based upon currently available information and are subject to significant judgment, a variety of assumptions and known and unknown uncertainties. See Item 3 – “Legal Proceedings,” for details. As a result, the ultimate outcome of our legal or regulatory actions may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

We are highly regulated, and any adverse regulatory action may result in additional costs, loss of business opportunities, and reputational damage.

As described in the section captioned “Supervision and Regulation” included in Part I above, we are subject to extensive regulation, supervision and examination by our banking regulators, the FDIC, the NYSDFS and the Federal Reserve Board. Such regulation and supervision govern the activities in which a financial institution and its holding company may engage and are intended primarily for the protection of the insurance fund and the depositors and borrowers of Pioneer Bank rather than for the protection of our stockholders. In addition, we are involved in a number of legal, regulatory, governmental and other proceedings, claims or investigations. See Item 3 – “Legal Proceedings,” for details. The various regulatory agencies with supervisory authority over us have significant latitude in addressing our compliance with applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, those governing consumer compliance, credit, fair lending, anti-money laundering, anti-terrorism, capital adequacy, asset quality, interest rate risk, management, earnings, liquidity, and various other factors affecting us. As part of this regulatory structure, we are subject to policies and other guidance developed by the regulatory agencies with respect to, among other things, capital levels, the timing and amount of dividend payments, the classification of assets and the establishment of adequate loan loss reserves for regulatory purposes. Our regulators have broad discretion to impose monetary fines or restrictions and limitations on our operations if they determine, for any reason, that our operations are unsafe or unsound, fail to comply with applicable law or are otherwise inconsistent with laws and regulations or with the supervisory policies of these agencies. For example, any New York-chartered savings bank that does not operate according to the regulations, policies and directives of the NYSDFS may be subject to sanctions for non-compliance, including seizure of the property and business of the savings bank and suspension or revocation of its charter. The NYSDFS may, under certain circumstances, suspend or remove officers or directors who have violated the law, conducted the savings bank's business in an unsafe or unsound manner, or contrary to the depositors' interests, or have been negligent in the performance of their duties. In addition, upon finding that a savings bank has engaged in an unfair or deceptive act or practice, the NYSDFS may issue an order to cease and desist and impose a fine on the savings bank. The NYSDFS also has the authority to appoint a receiver or conservator if it determines that the savings bank is conducting its business in an unsafe or unauthorized manner, and under certain other circumstances. New York consumer protection and civil rights statutes applicable to Pioneer Bank permit private individual and class action lawsuits, and provide for the rescission of consumer transactions, including loans, and the recovery of statutory and punitive damage and attorney's fees in the case of certain violations of those statutes.

This supervisory framework could materially impact the conduct, growth and profitability of our operations. Any failure on our part to comply with current laws, regulations, other regulatory requirements or safe and sound banking, insurance, or investment advisory practices or concerns about our financial condition, or any related regulatory sanctions or adverse actions against us, could increase our costs or restrict our ability to expand our business and result in damage to our reputation.

Non-compliance with the USA PATRIOT Act, Bank Secrecy Act, or other laws and regulations will subject us to fines or sanctions.

The USA PATRIOT and Bank Secrecy Acts require financial institutions to develop programs to prevent financial institutions from being used for money laundering and terrorist activities. Once such activities are detected, financial institutions are obligated to file suspicious activity reports with the U.S. Treasury’s Office of Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. These rules require financial institutions to establish procedures for identifying and verifying the identity of customers that open new financial accounts. Failure to comply with these regulations could result in fines or sanctions. We are in the process of improving and enhancing our Bank Secrecy Act policies and procedures in order to bring us into full compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Failure to adequately maintain our Bank Secrecy Act programs could lead to restrictions on conducting acquisitions or establishing new branches and other regulatory actions and could also have serious reputational consequences for us, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Changes in management’s estimates and assumptions may have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and our financial condition or operating results.

In preparing periodic reports we are required to file under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including our consolidated financial statements, our management is and will be required under applicable rules and regulations to make estimates and assumptions as of specified dates. These estimates and assumptions are based on management’s best estimates and experience at such times and are subject to substantial risk and uncertainty. Materially different results may occur as circumstances change and additional information becomes known. Areas requiring significant estimates and assumptions by management includes the items discussed in the proceedings described in Item 3 – “Legal Proceedings,” Item 7 – “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Mann Entities Related Fraudulent Activity,” and the items described in our “Summary of Critical Accounting Policies,” our evaluation of the legal remedies available to the Bank related to the potentially fraudulent activities, our evaluation of the adequacy of our allowance for loan losses, the determination of our deferred income taxes, our fair value measurements, our determination of other-than-temporary impairment of investment securities, impairment of goodwill, our evaluation of contingent liabilities, and our evaluation of our defined benefit pension plan obligations.

Our estimates of potential losses will change over time and the actual losses may vary significantly, and there may be an exposure to loss in excess of any amounts accrued. As a matter develops, we, in conjunction with any outside counsel handling the matter, evaluate on an ongoing basis whether such matter presents a loss contingency that is probable and estimable. Once the loss contingency is deemed to be both probable and estimable, we establish an accrued liability and record a corresponding amount of expense. We continue to monitor the matter for further developments that could affect the amount of the accrued liability that has been previously established. However, in light of the significant judgment, variety of assumptions and uncertainties involved in these matters, some of which are beyond our control, and the large or indeterminate damages sought in some of these matters, an adverse outcome in one or more of these matters could have an adverse material impact on our business, prospects, results of operations for any particular reporting period, or cause significant reputational harm.

Changes in interest rates may reduce our profits.

Our profitability, like that of most financial institutions, depends to a large extent upon our net interest income, which is the difference between our interest income on interest-earning assets, such as loans and securities, and our interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities, such as deposits and borrowed funds. Accordingly, our results of operations depend largely on movements in market interest rates and our ability to manage our interest-rate-sensitive assets and liabilities in response to these movements. Factors such as inflation, recession and instability in financial markets, among other factors beyond our control, may affect interest rates.

Interest rates remain depressed due to the precipitous drop in Federal Funds, Prime, LIBOR and other market interest rates experienced in the second half of fiscal 2020 related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Decreases in interest rates can result in increased prepayments of loans and mortgage-related securities, as borrowers refinance to reduce their borrowing costs. Under these circumstances, we are subject to reinvestment risk as we may have to reinvest such loan or

securities prepayments into lower-yielding assets, which may also negatively impact our income. Conversely, if interest rates rise, and the interest rates on our deposits increase faster than the interest rates we receive on our loans and investments, our interest rate spread would decrease, which would have a negative effect on our net interest income and profitability. Furthermore, increases in interest rates may adversely affect the ability of borrowers to make loan repayments on adjustable-rate loans, as the interest owed on such loans would increase as interest rates increase.

If interest rates rise, we expect that our net portfolio value of equity would decrease. Net portfolio value of equity 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. At June 30, 2021, and assuming a 200 basis points increase in market interest rates, we estimate that our net portfolio value would decrease by \$2.2 million, or 0.7%. Additionally, at June 30, 2021 and assuming a 100 basis points decrease in market interest rates, we estimate that our net portfolio value would increase by \$5.1 million, or 1.7%.

Any substantial, unexpected or prolonged change in market interest rates could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity and results of operations. While we pursue an asset/liability strategy designed to mitigate our risk from changes in interest rates, changes in interest rates can still have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Changes in interest rates also may negatively affect our ability to originate real estate loans, the value of our assets and our ability to realize gains from the sale of our assets, all of which ultimately affect our earnings. Also, our interest rate risk modeling techniques and assumptions cannot fully predict or capture the impact of actual interest rate changes on our balance sheet or projected operating results.

Municipal deposits are price sensitive and could result in an increase in interest expense or funding fluctuations.

Municipal deposits are a significant source of funds for our lending and investment activities. At June 30, 2021, \$380.4 million, or 24.8% of our total deposits, consisted of municipal deposits from local government entities such as towns, cities, school districts and other municipalities, which are collateralized by letters of credit from the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and investment securities. Given our dependence on high-average balance municipal funds deposits as a source of funds, our inability to retain such funds could significantly and adversely affect our liquidity. Further, our municipal deposits are primarily demand deposit accounts and are therefore more sensitive to interest rate risk. If we are forced to pay higher rates on our municipal accounts to retain those funds, or if we are unable to retain such funds and we are forced to resort to other sources of funds for our lending and investment activities, such as borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, the interest expense associated with these other funding sources may be higher than the rates we are currently paying on our municipal deposits, which would adversely affect our net income.

The level of our commercial real estate loan portfolio subjects us to additional regulatory scrutiny.

The FDIC and the other federal bank regulatory agencies have promulgated joint guidance on sound risk management practices for financial institutions with concentrations in commercial real estate lending. Under the guidance, a financial institution that, like us, is actively involved in commercial real estate lending should perform a risk assessment to identify concentrations. A financial institution may have a concentration in commercial real estate lending if, among other factors, (i) total reported loans for construction, land acquisition and development, and other land represent 100% or more of total capital, or (ii) total reported loans secured by multi-family and non-owner occupied, non-farm, non-residential properties, loans for construction, land acquisition and development and other land, and loans otherwise sensitive to the general commercial real estate market, including loans to commercial real estate related entities, represent 300% or more of total capital. Based on these factors, we have a concentration in loans of the type described in (ii) above of 195.1% of our total capital at June 30, 2021. The purpose of the guidance is to assist banks in developing risk management practices and capital levels commensurate with the level and nature of real estate concentrations. The guidance states that management should employ heightened risk management practices including board and management oversight and strategic planning, development of underwriting standards, risk assessment and monitoring through market analysis and stress testing. Our bank regulators could require us to implement additional policies and procedures consistent with their interpretation of the guidance that may result in additional costs to us or that may result in a curtailment of our commercial real estate and multi-family lending and/or the requirement that we maintain higher levels of regulatory capital, either of which would adversely affect our loan originations and profitability.

We use a third party to originate one- to four-family residential mortgage loans.

We have used a third-party mortgage banking company, Homestead Funding Corp., to underwrite, process and close our residential mortgage loans since January 2016. We use this company in order to offer our customers this loan product without the expense of maintaining and operating an in-house residential mortgage loan department. At June 30, 2021, one- to four-family residential real estate loans acquired from Homestead Funding Corp. totaled \$188.4 million, or 17.1%, of our total loans receivable. Should we discontinue this relationship or otherwise be unable to use this company in the future, our ability to purchase residential mortgage loans may be disrupted unless we are able to find a suitable replacement or have or re-develop the capability to originate residential mortgage loans through our lending staff. Should we add more staff in such an event, our compensation expense would increase. Our income may be negatively affected if our residential mortgage lending program is disrupted.

Our business strategy involves moderate growth, and our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected if we fail to grow or fail to manage our growth effectively.

Our assets increased \$662.1 million, or 58.4%, from \$1.1 billion at June 30, 2017 to \$1.8 billion at June 30, 2021, due to increases in securities available for sale, cash and cash equivalents and loans receivable. Over the next several years, we expect to experience moderate growth in our total assets and deposits, and the scale of our operations. Achieving our growth targets requires us to attract customers that currently bank at other financial institutions in our market. Our ability to grow successfully will depend on a variety of factors, including our ability to attract and retain experienced bankers, the availability of attractive business opportunities, competition from other financial institutions in our market area and our ability to manage our growth. While we believe we have the management resources and internal systems in place to successfully manage our future growth, there can be no assurance growth opportunities will be available or that we will successfully manage our growth. If we do not manage our growth effectively, we may not be able to achieve our business plan, which would have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Changes in the valuation of our securities portfolio may reduce our profits and our capital levels.

Our securities portfolio may be affected by fluctuations in market value, potentially reducing accumulated other comprehensive income or earnings. Fluctuations in market value may be caused by changes in market interest rates, lower market prices for securities and limited investor demand. Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment on a quarterly basis, with more frequent evaluation for selected issues. In analyzing a debt issuer's financial condition, management considers whether the securities are issued by the federal government or its agencies, whether downgrades by bond rating agencies have occurred, industry analysts' reports and spread differentials between the effective rates on instruments in the portfolio compared to risk-free rates. If this evaluation shows impairment to the actual or projected cash flows associated with one or more securities, we may take a charge to earnings to reflect such impairment. Changes in interest rates may also have an adverse effect on our financial condition, as our available-for-sale securities are reported at their estimated fair value, and therefore are affected by fluctuations in interest rates. We increase or decrease our stockholders' equity by the amount of change in the estimated fair value of the available-for-sale securities, net of taxes. Declines in market value may result in other-than-temporary impairments of these assets, which may lead to accounting charges that could have a material adverse effect on our net income and stockholders' equity. We also increase or decrease our stockholders' equity by the amount of change in the fair value of equity securities through net income (loss) in the consolidated statement of operations.

A portion of our loan portfolio consists of loan participations secured by properties outside our market area. Loan participations may have a higher risk of loss than loans we originate because we are not the lead lender and we have limited control over credit monitoring.

We occasionally purchase commercial real estate, commercial and industrial and commercial construction loan participations secured by properties outside our market area in which we are not the lead lender. We have purchased loan participations secured by various types of collateral such as real estate, equipment and other business assets located in New York and Vermont. Loan participations may have a higher risk of loss than loans we originate because we rely on the lead lender to monitor the performance of the loan. Moreover, our decisions regarding the classification of a loan participation and loan loss provisions associated with a loan participation are made in part based upon information provided

by the lead lender. A lead lender also may not monitor a participation loan in the same manner as we would for loans that we originate. At June 30, 2021, our loan participations where we are not the lead lender totaled \$40.4 million, or 3.7% of our loan portfolio. At June 30, 2021, commercial and industrial loan participations outside our market area totaled \$2.8 million, or 1.7% of the commercial and industrial loan portfolio, commercial construction loan participations outside our market area totaled \$9.4 million, or 14.5% of the commercial construction loan portfolio and commercial real estate loan participations outside our market area totaled \$1.7 million, or 0.4% of the commercial real estate loan portfolio. At June 30, 2021, one loan participation with a balance of \$24,000 was delinquent 60 days or more. If our underwriting of these participation loans is not sufficient, our non-performing loans may increase and our earnings may decrease.

We may, in the future, participate in structured financing transactions involving businesses inside and outside our market area that require alternative financing arrangements. While these types of arrangements may generate more income than our traditional commercial loans that we originate and hold in portfolio, they generally have greater credit risk because they involve lending to borrowers with higher risk profiles, the issuance of more complex financial instruments and the valuation of more complex underlying collateral.

Conditions in insurance markets could adversely affect our earnings.

As we have diversified our sources of income, we have become increasingly reliant on non-interest income, particularly insurance fees and commissions. Revenue from these sources could be negatively affected by fluctuating premiums in the insurance markets or other factors beyond our control. Other factors that affect our insurance revenue are the profitability and growth of our clients, continued development of new products and services, as well as our access to new markets. Our insurance revenues and profitability may also be adversely affected by regulatory developments impacting healthcare and insurance markets, possibly including recent legislative proposals and discussions relating to national health insurance and the elimination of the private health insurance market.

Involvement in wealth management creates risks associated with the industry.

Our wealth management operations with Pioneer Financial Services, Inc. present special risks not borne by institutions that focus exclusively on other traditional retail and commercial banking products. For example, the investment advisory industry is subject to fluctuations in the stock market that may have a significant adverse effect on transaction fees, client activity and client investment portfolio gains and losses. Also, additional or modified regulations may adversely affect our wealth management operations. In addition, our wealth management operations, are dependent on a small number of established financial advisors, whose departure could result in the loss of a significant number of client accounts. A significant decline in fees and commissions or trading losses suffered in the investment portfolio could adversely affect our income and potentially require the contribution of additional capital to support our operations.

Changes in market conditions, changes in discount rates, changes in mortality assumptions or lower returns on assets may increase required contributions to, and costs associated with, our tax-qualified defined benefit plan in future periods.

The funded status and benefit obligations of our tax-qualified defined benefit plan (“pension plan”) is dependent upon many factors, including returns on invested assets, certain market interest rates, the discount rates and mortality assumptions used to determine pension obligations. The pension plan liability is calculated based on various actuarial assumptions, including mortality expectations, discount rates and expected long-term rates of return on plan assets. Unfavorable returns on plan assets could materially change the amount of required plan funding, which would reduce the cash available for our operations. In addition, a decrease in the discount rate and/or changes in the mortality assumptions used to determine pension obligations could increase the estimated value of our pension obligations, which would require us to increase the amounts of future contributions to the plan, thereby reducing our equity and our costs associated with the plan may substantially increase in future periods.

Replacement of the LIBOR benchmark interest rate could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

In 2017, the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), which regulates LIBOR, announced that the FCA intends to stop persuading or compelling banks to submit the rates required to calculate LIBOR after 2021. This announcement indicates that the continuation of LIBOR on the current basis cannot and will not be guaranteed after 2021. Consequently, at this time, it is not possible to predict whether and to what extent banks will continue to provide submissions for the calculation of LIBOR. Similarly, it is not possible to predict whether LIBOR will continue to be viewed as an acceptable market benchmark, what rate or rates may become accepted alternatives to LIBOR or what the effect of any such changes in views or alternatives may be on the markets for LIBOR-indexed financial instruments. The Alternative Reference Rates Committee ("ARRC") has proposed that the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") is the rate that represents best practice as the alternative to LIBOR for use in derivatives and other financial contracts that are currently indexed to LIBOR. ARRC has proposed a paced market transition plan to SOFR from LIBOR and organizations are currently working on industry wide and company specific transition plans as it relates to derivatives and cash markets exposed to LIBOR.

We have material loans and interest rate swap agreements that are indexed to LIBOR and are monitoring this activity and evaluating the related risks. If LIBOR rates are no longer available and we are required to implement substitute indices for the calculation of interest rates, we may incur expenses in effecting the transition, and may be subject to disputes or litigation with customers and security holders over the appropriateness or comparability to LIBOR of the substitute indices, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. Additionally, since alternative rates are calculated differently, payments under loans and interest rate swap agreements referencing new rates will differ from those referencing LIBOR. The transition may change our market risk profile, requiring changes to risk and pricing models.

Strong competition within our market area may reduce our profits and slow growth.

We face strong competition in making loans and attracting deposits. Price competition for loans and deposits sometimes requires us to charge lower interest rates on our loans and pay higher interest rates on our deposits, and may reduce our net interest income. Competition also makes it more difficult and costly to attract and retain qualified employees. Many of the institutions with which we compete have substantially greater resources and lending limits than we have and may offer services that we do not provide. Our competitors often aggressively price loan and deposit products when they enter into new lines of business or new market areas. If we are unable to effectively compete in our market area, our profitability would be negatively affected. The greater resources and broader offering of deposit and loan products of some of our competitors may also limit our ability to increase our interest-earning assets.

We continually encounter technological changes and the failure to understand and adapt to these changes could hurt our business.

The financial services industry is continually undergoing rapid technological changes with frequent introductions of new technology-driven products and services which increase efficiency and enable financial institutions to serve customers better and to reduce costs. Technology has lowered barriers to entry and made it possible for "non-banks" to offer traditional bank products and services using innovative technological platforms such as Fintech and Blockchain. These "digital banks" may be able to achieve economies of scale and offer better pricing for banking products and services than the Company can. The Company's future success depends, in part, upon its ability to leverage technology to increase our operational efficiency as well as address the current and evolving needs of our customers. However, our competitors may have greater resources to invest in technological improvements, we may not always have capital levels which are sufficient to support a robust investment in our technology infrastructure or we may not be able to effectively implement new technology-driven products and services or be successful in marketing these products and services to our customers. Failure to successfully keep pace with technological changes affecting the financial services industry could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and, in turn, the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to stringent capital requirements, which may adversely impact our return on equity, require us to raise additional capital, or restrict us from paying dividends or repurchasing shares.

Federal regulations establish minimum capital requirements for insured depository institutions, including minimum risk-based capital and leverage ratios, and define what constitutes “capital” for calculating these ratios. The minimum capital requirements are: (1) a common equity Tier 1 capital ratio of 4.5%; (2) a Tier 1 to risk-based assets capital ratio of 6%; (3) a total capital ratio of 8%; and (4) a Tier 1 leverage ratio of 4%. The regulations also require unrealized gains and losses on certain “available-for-sale” securities holdings to be included for calculating regulatory capital requirements unless a one-time opt-out is exercised. We elected to exercise our one-time option to opt-out of the requirement under the final rule to include certain “available-for-sale” securities holdings for calculating our regulatory capital requirements. The regulations also establish a “capital conservation buffer” of 2.5%, resulting in the following minimum ratios: (1) a common equity Tier 1 capital ratio of 7.0%, (2) a Tier 1 to risk-based assets capital ratio of 8.5%, and (3) a total capital ratio of 10.5%. An institution will be subject to limitations on paying dividends, engaging in share repurchases, and paying discretionary bonuses if its capital level falls below the buffer amount. These limitations will establish a maximum percentage of eligible retained income that can be utilized for such actions. As of June 30, 2021, we have not elected the community bank leverage ratio framework and accordingly the Basel III capital requirements remain applicable.

The application of more stringent Basel III capital requirements could, among other things, result in lower returns on equity, require the raising of additional capital, and result in regulatory actions if we were to be unable to comply with such requirements. Implementation of changes to asset risk weightings for risk-based capital calculations, items included or deducted in calculating Basel III regulatory capital and/or additional Basel III capital conservation buffers could result in management modifying its business strategy, and could limit our ability to pay dividends or repurchase our shares.

Our success depends on retaining certain key personnel.

Our performance largely depends on the talents and efforts of highly skilled individuals who comprise our senior management team. We rely on key personnel to manage and operate our business, including major revenue generating functions such as loan and deposit generation, wealth management and insurance businesses. The loss of key staff may adversely affect our ability to maintain and manage these functions effectively, which could negatively affect our income. In addition, loss of key personnel could result in increased recruiting and hiring expenses, which would reduce our net income. Our continued ability to compete effectively depends on our ability to attract new employees and to retain and motivate our existing employees.

Systems failures or breaches of our network security could subject us to increased operating costs as well as litigation and other liabilities.

Our operations depend upon our ability to protect our computer systems and network infrastructure against damage from physical theft, fire, power loss, telecommunications failure or a similar catastrophic event, as well as from security breaches, denial of service attacks, viruses, worms and other disruptive problems caused by hackers. Any damage or failure that causes an interruption in our operations could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Computer break-ins, phishing and other disruptions could also jeopardize the security of information stored in and transmitted through our computer systems and network infrastructure, which may result in significant liability to us and may cause existing and potential customers to refrain from doing business with us. Although we, with the help of third-party service providers, intend to continue to implement security technology and establish operational procedures designed to prevent such damage, our security measures may not be successful. In addition, advances in computer capabilities, new discoveries in the field of cryptography or other developments could result in a compromise or breach of the algorithms we and our third-party service providers use to encrypt and protect customer transaction data. A failure of such security measures could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. We face potential heightened cybersecurity risks during the COVID-19 pandemic as people continue to work from home, including our customers, our employees and the employees of our vendors. While we have implemented appropriate safeguards to protect our employees from potential cybersecurity threats while they work from home, these security measures may not be successful.

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Threats to the security of our networks and data, as described above, continue to increase as the frequency, intensity and sophistication of attempted attacks and intrusions increase around the world. In response to these threats there has been heightened regulatory focus on data privacy and cybersecurity from our federal and state banking regulators and as a result, we must comply with an evolving set of legal requirements in this area, including substantive cybersecurity standards as well as requirements for notifying regulators and affected individuals in the event of a data security incident. This regulatory environment is increasingly challenging and may present material obligations and risks to our business, including significantly expanded compliance burdens, costs and enforcement risks.

It is possible that we could incur significant costs associated with a breach of our computer systems. While we have cyber liability insurance, there are limitations on coverage. Furthermore, cyber incidents carry a greater risk of injury to our reputation. Finally, depending on the type of incident, banking regulators can impose restrictions on our business and consumer laws may require reimbursement of customer losses.

Changes in accounting standards could affect reported earnings.

The bodies responsible for establishing accounting standards, including the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission and bank regulators, periodically change the financial accounting and reporting guidance that governs the preparation of our financial statements. These changes can be hard to predict and can materially impact how we record and report our financial condition and results of operations. In some cases, we could be required to apply new or revised guidance retroactively.

The cost of additional finance and accounting systems, procedures and controls in order to satisfy our public company reporting requirements will increase our expenses.

As a result of the completion of our initial public offering, we became a public reporting company. The obligations of being a public company, including the substantial public reporting obligations, require significant expenditures and place additional demands on our management team. We have made, and will continue to make, changes to our internal controls and procedures for financial reporting and accounting systems to meet our reporting obligations as a stand-alone public company. However, the measures we take may not be sufficient to satisfy our obligations as a public company. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes Oxley Act”) requires annual management assessments of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. As a result of our decision to restate our audited consolidated financial statements for fiscal years 2020 and 2019 in the prior year 10-K, a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting was identified which has subsequently been remediated during the current fiscal year. Any failure to achieve and maintain an effective internal control environment could have a material adverse effect on our business and stock price. In addition, we may need to hire additional compliance, accounting and financial staff with appropriate public company experience and technical knowledge, and we may not be able to do so in a timely fashion. As a result, we may need to rely on outside consultants to provide these services for us until qualified personnel are hired. These obligations will increase our operating expenses and could divert our management’s attention from our operations.

Our risk management framework may not be effective in mitigating risk and reducing the potential for significant losses.

Our risk management framework is designed to minimize risk and loss to us. We try to identify, measure, monitor, report and control our exposure to risk, including strategic, market, liquidity, compliance and operational risks. Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from the Company’s operations, including but not limited to, the risk of fraud by employees or persons outside of the Company, the execution of unauthorized transactions by employees, errors relating to transaction processing and technology, breaches of the internal control system and compliance requirements, and business continuation and disaster recovery. Insurance coverage may not be available for such losses, or where available, such losses may exceed insurance limits. This risk of loss also includes the potential legal actions that could arise as a result of an operational deficiency or as a result of noncompliance with applicable regulatory standards, adverse business decisions or their implementation, and customer attrition due to potential negative publicity. While we use broad and diversified risk monitoring and mitigation techniques, these techniques are inherently limited because they cannot anticipate the existence or future development of currently unanticipated or unknown risks. Recent economic conditions and heightened legislative

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and regulatory scrutiny of the financial services industry, among other developments, have increased our level of risk. Accordingly, we could suffer losses if we fail to properly anticipate and manage these risks.

We are subject to environmental liability risk associated with lending activities.

A significant portion of our loan portfolio is secured by real estate, and we could become subject to environmental liabilities with respect to one or more of these properties. During the ordinary course of business, we may foreclose on and take title to properties securing defaulted loans. In doing so, there is a risk that hazardous or toxic substances could be found on these properties. If hazardous conditions or toxic substances are found on these properties, we may be liable for remediation costs, as well as for personal injury and property damage, civil fines and criminal penalties regardless of when the hazardous conditions or toxic substances first affected any particular property. Environmental laws may require us to incur substantial expenses to address unknown liabilities and may materially reduce the affected property's value or limit our ability to use or sell the affected property. In addition, future laws or more stringent interpretations or enforcement policies with respect to existing laws may increase our exposure to environmental liability. Although we have policies and procedures to perform an environmental review before initiating any foreclosure on nonresidential real property, these reviews may not be sufficient to detect all potential environmental hazards. The remediation costs and any other financial liabilities associated with an environmental hazard could have a material adverse effect on us.

We are a community bank and our ability to maintain our reputation is critical to the success of our business and the failure to do so may materially adversely affect our performance.

We are a community bank, and our reputation is one of the most valuable components of our business. A key component of our business strategy is to rely on our reputation for customer service and knowledge of local markets to expand our presence by capturing new business opportunities from existing and prospective customers in our market area and contiguous areas. As such, we strive to conduct our business in a manner that enhances our reputation. This is done, in part, by recruiting, hiring and retaining employees who share our core values of being an integral part of the communities we serve, delivering superior service to our customers and caring about our customers and associates. If our reputation is negatively affected as a result of certain actions we take, by the actions of our employees, by our inability to conduct our operations in a manner that is appealing to current or prospective customers, or otherwise, our business and, therefore, our operating results may be materially adversely affected.

Risks Relating to Ownership of Our Common Stock

Pioneer Bancorp, MHC's majority control of our common stock will enable it to exercise voting control over most matters put to a vote of stockholders and will prevent stockholders from forcing a sale or a second-step conversion transaction you may find advantageous.

Pioneer Bancorp, MHC owns a majority of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.'s common stock and, through its board of trustees, will be able to exercise voting control over most matters put to a vote of stockholders. Most of the directors and officers who manage Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. and Pioneer Bank also manage Pioneer Bancorp, MHC. As a New York-chartered mutual holding company, the board of trustees of Pioneer Bancorp, MHC must ensure that the interests of depositors of Pioneer Bank are represented and considered in matters put to a vote of stockholders of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. Therefore, the votes cast by Pioneer Bancorp, MHC may not be in your personal best interests as a stockholder. For example, Pioneer Bancorp, MHC may exercise its voting control to defeat a stockholder nominee for election to the board of directors of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. and will be able to elect all of the directors of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. Some stockholders may desire a sale or merger transaction, since stockholders typically receive a premium for their shares, or a second-step conversion transaction, since, on a fully converted basis most fully stock institutions tend to trade at higher multiples of book value than mutual holding companies. However, stockholders will not be able to force a merger or a second-step conversion transaction without the consent of Pioneer Bancorp, MHC since such transactions also require, under New York and federal law, the approval of a majority of all of the outstanding voting stock, which can only be achieved if Pioneer Bancorp, MHC votes to approve such transactions.

Our common stock is not heavily traded, and the stock price may fluctuate significantly.

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ under the symbol “PBFS.” Certain brokers currently make a market in the common stock, but such transactions are infrequent and the volume of shares traded is relatively small. Management cannot predict whether these or other brokers will continue to make a market in our common stock. Prices on stock that is not heavily traded, such as our common stock, can be more volatile than heavily traded stock. Factors such as our financial results, the introduction of new products and services by us or our competitors, publicity regarding the banking industry, and various other factors affecting the banking industry may have a significant impact on the market price of the shares of the common stock. Management also cannot predict the extent to which an active public market for our common stock will develop or be sustained in the future. Accordingly, stockholders may not be able to sell their shares of our common stock at the volumes, prices, or times that they desire.

Federal Reserve Board regulations and policy effectively prohibit Pioneer Bancorp, MHC from waiving the receipt of dividends, which will likely preclude us from paying any dividends on our common stock.

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.’s board of directors will have the authority to declare dividends on our common stock subject to statutory and regulatory requirements. We currently intend to retain all our future earnings, if any, for use in our business and do not expect to pay any cash dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future. Any future determination to pay cash dividends will be made by our board of directors and will depend upon our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, restrictions under Federal Reserve Board regulations and policy, our business strategy and other factors that our board of directors deems relevant.

Under current Federal Reserve Board regulations and policy, if Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. pays dividends to its public stockholders, it also would be required to pay dividends to Pioneer Bancorp, MHC, unless Pioneer Bancorp, MHC waives the receipt of such dividends. Federal Reserve Board policy has been to prohibit mutual holding companies that are regulated as bank holding companies, such as Pioneer Bancorp, MHC, from waiving the receipt of dividends and the Federal Reserve Board’s regulations implemented after the enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act effectively prohibit federally-chartered mutual holding companies from waiving dividends declared by their subsidiaries. Therefore, unless Federal Reserve Board regulations or policy change to allow Pioneer Bancorp, MHC to waive the receipt of dividends declared by Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. without diluting minority stockholders, it is unlikely that Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. will pay any dividends.

Our stock value may be negatively affected by applicable regulations that restrict stock repurchases.

Applicable regulations restricted us from repurchasing any of our shares of common stock during the first and second years following the offering and limit us from repurchasing our shares of common stock during the third year following the offering to 5% of our outstanding shares, unless we obtain prior approval from the NYSDFS. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, regulatory authorities have increased their scrutiny of stock repurchase plans and the capital impact on banks and their holding companies. Stock repurchases are a capital management tool that can enhance the value of a company’s stock, and our inability to repurchase any of our shares of common stock during the first and second years following the offering and limitations on our ability to repurchase our shares of common stock during the third year following the offering may negatively affect our stock price.

Various factors may make takeover attempts more difficult to achieve.

Stock banks and savings banks or holding companies, as well as individuals, may not acquire control of a mutual holding company, such as Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. As result, the only persons that may acquire control of a mutual holding company are other mutual savings institutions or mutual holding companies. Accordingly, it is very unlikely, that Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. would be subject to any takeover attempt by activist stockholders or other financial institutions. In addition, certain provisions of our articles of incorporation and bylaws and state and federal banking laws, including regulatory approval requirements, could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. without our board of directors’ prior approval.

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Under Federal Reserve Board regulations, for a period of three years following completion of the offering, no person may directly or indirectly acquire or offer to acquire beneficial ownership of more than 10% of our common stock without prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board. Under federal law, subject to certain exemptions, a person, entity or group must notify the Federal Reserve Board before acquiring control of a bank holding company. Acquisition of 10% or more of any class of voting stock of a bank holding company creates a rebuttable presumption that the acquirer “controls” the bank holding company. Also, a bank holding company must obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board and the NYSDFS before, among other things, acquiring direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of any class of voting shares of any bank, including Pioneer Bank.

There also are provisions in our articles of incorporation that may be used to delay or block a takeover attempt, including a provision that generally prohibits any person, other than Pioneer Bancorp, MHC, from voting more than 10% of the shares of common stock outstanding. Taken as a whole, these statutory provisions and provisions in our articles of incorporation could result in our being less attractive to a potential acquirer and thus could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

We are an emerging growth company, and if we elect to comply only with the reduced reporting and disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies, our common stock may be less attractive to investors.

We are an emerging growth company. For as long as we continue to be an emerging growth company, we currently intend to take advantage of exemptions from various reporting requirements applicable to other public companies but not to “emerging growth companies,” including, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. Investors may find our common stock less attractive if we choose to rely on these exemptions.

As an emerging growth company, we are not subject to Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which would require that our independent auditors review and attest to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. We are eligible to remain an emerging growth company for up to five years following the completion of our initial public offering. We will cease to be an emerging growth company upon the earliest of: (1) the end of the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of this offering; (2) the first fiscal year after our annual gross revenues are \$1.07 billion or more; (3) the date on which we have, during the previous three-year period, issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities; or (4) the end of any fiscal year in which the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates exceeded \$700 million at the end of the second quarter of that fiscal year.

Our contribution to the charitable foundation may not be tax deductible, which could reduce our profits.

We may not have sufficient profits to be able to fully use the tax deduction from our contribution to the charitable foundation. Under the Internal Revenue Code, an entity is permitted to deduct up to 10% of its taxable income (generally income before federal income taxes and charitable contributions expense) in any one year for charitable contributions. Any contribution in excess of the 10% limit may be deducted for federal income tax purposes over each of the five years following the year in which the charitable contribution is made. Accordingly, a charitable contribution could, if necessary, be deducted over a six-year period and expires thereafter.

ITEM 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable to a “smaller reporting company” as defined in Item 10(f)(1) of Regulation S-K.

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As of June 30, 2021, the net book value of our office properties was \$34.0 million. The following table sets forth information regarding our offices.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Leased or Owned</u>	<u>Year Acquired or Leased</u>	<u>Net Book Value of Real Property (In thousands)</u>
Main Office:			
652 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211	Owned ⁽¹⁾	2016	\$ 15,380
Other Properties:			
21 Second Street, Troy, NY 12180	Leased	2016	46
531 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110	Owned	2008	1,905
2000 Second Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12189	Leased	2017	136
1828 Altamont Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12305	Owned	2012	1,877
1208 Route 146, Clifton Park, NY 12065	Leased	1995	2
10 Kendall Way, Malta, NY 12020	Owned	2016	1,794
78 Main Avenue, Wynantskill, NY 12198	Owned	2014	1,805
712 Hoosick Street, Brunswick, NY 12180	Owned	2015	1,618
329 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, NY 12077	Leased	2014	202
142 Saratoga Avenue, Waterford, NY 12188	Owned	2015	1,520
1770 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205	Leased	2019	243
602 North Greenbush Road, Rensselaer, NY 12144	Leased	2017	259
90 State Street, Albany, NY 12207	Leased	2013	190
1881-1883 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203	Owned	2018	4,715
184 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054	Owned	2010	924
843 Route 146, Clifton Park, NY 12065	Leased	2012	195
426 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12305	Leased	2014	197
440 Main Street, Cairo, NY 12413	Owned	2016	372
11565 NY-32, Greenville, NY 12083	Leased	2016	20
739 Upper Glen Street, Queensbury, NY 12804	Leased	2017	68
100 Mohawk Street, Cohoes, NY 12047	Owned	2017	524

(1) The property is subject to a ground lease.

We believe that the current facilities are adequate to meet our present and foreseeable needs, subject to possible future expansion.

ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings

In the ordinary course of business, we are involved in a number of legal, regulatory, governmental and other proceedings, claims or investigations that could result in losses, including damages, fines and/or civil penalties, which could be significant concerning matters arising from the conduct of our business, including the matters described below. In view of the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of such matters, particularly where the claimants seek large or indeterminate damages, we generally cannot predict the eventual outcome of the pending matters, timing of the ultimate resolution of these matters, or eventual loss, fines or penalties related to each pending matter. In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, we establish an accrued liability when those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and estimable. Our estimates of potential losses will change over time and the actual losses may vary significantly, and there may be an exposure to loss in excess of any amounts accrued. As a matter develops, we, in conjunction with any outside counsel handling the matter, evaluate on an ongoing basis whether such matter presents a loss contingency that is probable and estimable; or where a loss is reasonably possible, whether in excess of a related accrued liability or where there is no accrued liability, whether it is possible to estimate a range of possible loss. Once the loss contingency is deemed to be both probable and estimable, we establish an accrued liability and record a corresponding amount of litigation-related expense. We continue to monitor the matters for further developments that could affect the amount of the accrued liability

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that has been previously established. Excluding legal fees and expenses, litigation-related expense of \$4.5 million was recognized for the year ended June 30, 2021 (none in 2020). For those matters for which a loss is reasonably possible and estimable, whether in excess of an accrued liability or where there is no accrued liability, the Company's estimated range of possible loss is \$0 to \$52.5 million in excess of the accrued liability, if any, as of June 30, 2021. These estimates are based upon currently available information and are subject to significant judgment, a variety of assumptions and known and unknown uncertainties. The matters underlying the accrued liability and estimated range of possible losses are unpredictable and may change from time to time, and actual losses may vary significantly from the current estimate and accrual. The estimated range of possible loss does not represent the Company's maximum loss exposure.

Information is provided below regarding the nature of the matters and associated claimed damages. The Company and the Bank are defending each of these matters vigorously, and the Company believes that it and the Bank have substantial defenses, including affirmative defenses, counterclaims and cross-claims to the various allegations that have been asserted. In light of the significant judgment, variety of assumptions and uncertainties involved in the matters described below, some of which are beyond our control, and the large or indeterminate damages sought in some of these matters, an adverse outcome in one or more of these matters, or matters related to or resulting from the matters described below, could have an adverse material impact on our business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, or cause significant reputational harm and subject us to face civil litigation, significant fines, damage awards or other material regulatory consequences.

On October 31, 2019, Southwestern Payroll Services, Inc. ("Southwestern") filed a complaint against the Company and the Bank ("Pioneer Parties"), Michael T. Mann, Valuewise Corporation, MyPayrollHR, LLC and Cloud Payroll, LLC (collectively, the "Mann Parties") in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. The complaint alleged that the Pioneer Parties (i) wrongfully converted certain funds belonging to Southwestern, (ii) engaged in fraudulent and wrongful collection and retention of funds belonging to Southwestern, and (iii) committed gross negligence and that Southwestern is entitled to a constructive trust limiting how the Pioneer Parties distribute the funds in question, which are about \$9.8 million. On November 26, 2019, the Pioneer Parties moved to dismiss Southwestern's fraud claim, which also postponed the Pioneer Parties' deadline to file an answer until 14 days after the court decided the motion to dismiss. On December 10, 2019, Southwestern filed a response to the Pioneer Parties' motion to dismiss and an amended complaint, which rendered the Pioneer Parties' motion to dismiss moot. The amended complaint named several additional corporate entities affiliated with the Mann Parties as co-defendants and asserted claims against the Pioneer Parties for declaratory judgment, conversion, actual and constructive fraud, gross negligence, unjust enrichment and constructive trust, and an accounting. The amended complaint sought a monetary judgment of at least \$9.8 million. Each party has filed numerous motions in the proceedings. On January 10, 2020, the Pioneer Parties moved again to dismiss Southwestern's fraud claim in the amended complaint, which also postponed the Pioneer Parties' deadline to file an answer to the amended complaint until 14 days after the court decided the motion to dismiss. On April 16, 2020, the court granted the Pioneer Parties' motion to dismiss Southwestern's fraud claim. On April 30, 2020, Southwestern filed a motion for both leave to file a second amended complaint and for reconsideration of the court's dismissal of Southwestern's fraud claim. On May 1, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed their answer to Southwestern's amended complaint. The Pioneer Parties asserted numerous affirmative defenses, counterclaims against Southwestern, and cross-claims against certain of the Mann Parties, including for common law fraud under New York law and violations of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act. The Pioneer Parties contend that the actions of Southwestern and certain of the Mann Parties resulted in damages of \$15.6 million, plus pre-judgment interest. On July 7, 2020, the court granted Southwestern leave to file a second amended complaint, which Southwestern filed on July 16, 2020. Southwestern's second amended complaint asserted claims against the Pioneer Parties for declaratory judgment, conversion, actual and constructive fraud, gross negligence, unjust enrichment and constructive trust, and an accounting – and sought a monetary judgment of at least \$9.8 million. On July 30, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed an amended answer to Southwestern's second amended complaint, which asserted the same affirmative defenses, counterclaims, and cross-claims as the Pioneer Parties' prior answer to Southwestern's amended complaint. On March 16, 2021, the Pioneer Parties filed a second amended answer to Southwestern's second amended complaint, which asserted certain additional affirmative defenses but was otherwise identical to the Pioneer Parties' amended answer. This matter is currently in discovery.

On December 10, 2019, National Payment Corp. ("NatPay") filed a motion to intervene as a plaintiff in Southwestern's lawsuit against the Pioneer Parties and the Mann Parties as described above. On January 10, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed opposition to NatPay's motion to intervene. On August 4, 2020, the magistrate judge issued a decision

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recommending that NatPay be allowed to intervene. While the district judge has not yet adopted the magistrate’s recommended decision, NatPay was allowed to file its complaint in intervention on August 18, 2020. NatPay’s complaint includes claims for declaratory judgment, conversion, fraud, gross negligence, unjust enrichment and constructive trust, and for an accounting against the Pioneer Parties. The prayer for relief in NatPay’s complaint seeks “compensatory damages in an amount of no less than \$4 million” (the complaint also seeks punitive damages and interest in unspecified amounts). On September 8, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed their answer and affirmative defenses to NatPay’s complaint. On March 16, 2021, the Pioneer Parties filed an amended answer to NatPay’s complaint, which asserted certain additional affirmative defenses but was otherwise identical to the Pioneer Parties’ answer. As noted, this matter is currently in discovery.

On January 21, 2020, Cachet Financial Services (“Cachet”), a third-party automated clearing house service provider, filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the Central District of California, Los Angeles Division. Cachet is currently involved in legal proceedings against certain Mann Parties and other related parties. The Bank is not listed as a creditor in the bankruptcy proceedings. However, in the filings with the bankruptcy court, Cachet asserts that the Bank is holding approximately \$8.5 million of its funds. The Company and the Bank dispute this assertion and, if necessary, intend to defend themselves vigorously.

On February 4, 2020, Berkshire Hills Bancorp Inc.’s wholly owned subsidiary Berkshire Bank (“Berkshire Bank”) filed a complaint against the Bank in the Supreme Court of the State of New York for Albany County resulting from Berkshire Bank’s participation interest in the commercial loan relationship to the Mann Entities. The complaint alleges that the Bank (1) breached the amended and restated loan participation agreement between the Bank and Berkshire Bank dated as of June 27, 2018, (2) breached the amended and restated loan participation agreement between the Bank and Berkshire Bank dated as of August 12, 2019, (3) engaged in constructive fraud, (4) engaged in fraudulent inducement, (5) engaged in fraudulent concealment, and (6) negligently misrepresented certain material information. The complaint seeks to recover \$15.6 million and additional damages. On August 14, 2020, the Bank filed a motion to dismiss five of Berkshire Bank’s claims. On December 18, 2020, Berkshire filed papers in opposition to the Bank’s motion to dismiss. On February 19, 2021, the Bank filed its reply in support of its motion to dismiss. On July 1, 2021, the court granted in part and denied in part the Bank’s motion to dismiss. On August 4, 2021, the Bank filed its answer to Berkshire Bank’s remaining claims. This matter is currently in discovery.

On February 4, 2020, Chemung Financial Corporation’s wholly owned subsidiary, Chemung Canal Trust Company (“Chemung”), filed a complaint against the Bank in the Supreme Court of the State of New York for Albany County resulting from Chemung’s participation interest in the commercial loan relationship to the Mann Entities. The complaint alleges that the Bank (1) breached the participation agreement between the Bank and Chemung dated as of August 12, 2019, (2) engaged in fraudulent activities, (3) engaged in constructive fraud, and (4) negligently misrepresented and omitted certain material information. The complaint seeks to recover \$4.2 million and additional damages. On August 14, 2020, the Bank filed a motion to dismiss three of Chemung’s four claims. On December 18, 2020, Chemung filed papers in opposition to the Bank’s motion to dismiss. On February 19, 2021, the Bank filed its reply in support of its motion to dismiss. On July 1, 2021, the court granted in part and denied in part the Bank’s motion to dismiss. On August 4, 2021, the Bank filed its answer to Chemung’s remaining claims. This matter is currently in discovery.

On April 30, 2020, the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), with the authorization of a delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury, filed a civil complaint against the Company and the Bank (and Cloud Payroll, LLC) in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. The complaint alleges, among other things, that the Pioneer Parties wrongfully set off approximately \$7.3 million from an account held by Cloud Payroll to apply towards debts allegedly owed to the Bank by Cloud Payroll and other affiliates of Michael Mann. The complaint alleges that the funds in question were comprised of payroll taxes and thus subject to a statutory trust under 26 U.S.C. § 7501 that prohibited the Bank from setting off those funds to apply towards debts owed to the Bank. The complaint seeks return of any payroll taxes, plus interest. The Pioneer Parties moved to dismiss the DOJ’s complaint against them on October 1, 2020. On October 21, 2020, the DOJ filed an amended complaint, which mooted the Pioneer Parties’ motion to dismiss the DOJ’s original complaint. The amended complaint dropped one of the DOJ’s claims against the Pioneer Parties but continues to seek return of any payroll taxes, plus interest. The amended complaint relates to the same set of facts described in Part I – Financial Information, Item 2- “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Recent Developments – Mann Entities Related Fraudulent Activity,” and the alleged payroll taxes, plus interest, sought

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in this proceeding may be part of the recovery sought in the Southwestern and NatPay complaints described above. On November 4, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed their answer and affirmative defenses to the DOJ's amended complaint. This matter is currently in discovery.

On August 31, 2020, AXH Air-Coolers, LLC ("AXH") filed a complaint against the Pioneer Parties, and unnamed employees of the Pioneer Parties in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. The complaint alleges that the Pioneer Parties (i) wrongfully converted certain tax funds belonging to AXH, (ii) were unjustly enriched by the wrongful taking of tax funds belonging to AXH, and (iii) were grossly negligent in allowing AXH's tax funds to be misappropriated, offset, converted, or stolen. The prayer for relief in AXH's complaint seeks \$336,000, plus penalties and interest, attorney's fees, and punitive damages. The complaint relates to the same set of facts as the DOJ complaint as described above, and the alleged taxes sought in the DOJ, Southwestern, and NatPay complaints. On November 5, 2020, the Pioneer Parties moved to dismiss the complaint in its entirety. On December 4, 2020, AXH filed papers in opposition to the Pioneer Parties' motion to dismiss. On December 14, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed their reply in support of their motion to dismiss. The court has not yet issued a decision on the Pioneer Parties' motion to dismiss.

On December 1, 2020, the Bank filed a complaint in the Supreme Court of the State of New York against Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte, CPAs, P.C. ("TBC"), Mr. Pasquale M. Scisci and Mr. Vincent Commisso (collectively, with TBC, the "TBC Parties"), alleging professional malpractice by the TBC Parties in auditing the annual consolidated financial statements of Valuewise Corporation and its subsidiaries ("Valuewise Entities") for the fiscal years 2010 to 2018. The Bank asserts that the TBC Parties were aware that the primary, if not the exclusive, reason the Valuewise Entities engaged TBC to audit their financial statements was to provide the Bank with accurate financial information that the Bank would rely on in evaluating whether to provide loans to the Valuewise Entities. The Bank contends that, among other matters, Mr. Michael Mann used the Valuewise Entities to defraud the Bank because of the professional malpractice of the TBC Parties and that if the TBC Parties had not committed professional malpractice by issuing unqualified "clean" opinions on the financial statements of the Valuewise Entities for fiscal years 2010 to 2018, the Bank would never have continued loaning money to the Valuewise Entities. The Bank seeks to recover damages of at least \$34.1 million (plus interest) sustained by it as a result of the professional malpractice of the TBC Parties. The TBC Parties filed their answer to the Bank's complaint on February 12, 2021. This matter is currently in discovery.

On April 30, 2021, the Bank filed a complaint in the Supreme Court of the State of New York against Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company ("ASIC"), for breach of an insurance contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and declaratory judgment. The Bank's complaint alleges that it was insured under a management and professional liability insurance policy issued by ASIC ("Policy"), and that the Bank has incurred loss covered under the Policy as a result of the above-described lawsuits filed by Southwestern, NatPay, DOJ, AXH, Berkshire Bank, and Chemung, and responding to various inquiries and investigations relating to the entities and events that are the subjects of certain of those lawsuits. The Bank's complaint alleges that ASIC has violated the Policy by failing to reimburse the Bank for the full amount of the Bank's loss covered under the Policy, including defense costs. The Bank's complaint seeks a declaratory judgment, damages against ASIC of at least \$1.1 million (plus interest and costs), and consequential damages. On August 20, 2021, ASIC filed a partial motion to dismiss some of the Bank's claims.

On May 14, 2021, the Bank filed a verified petition for a hearing, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2), to adjudicate the validity of the Bank's interest in approximately \$14.9 million in cash and securities forfeited by Michael Mann pursuant to a preliminary order of forfeiture in *U.S. v. Mann* filed in United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. The Bank's petition alleges that it has a valid security interest in the forfeited property, and that the forfeited property should thus be turned over to the Bank. On June 28, 2021, the government filed a motion to dismiss the Bank's petition. On July 30, 2021, the Bank filed opposition to the government's motion to dismiss the Bank's petition. On August 13, 2021, the government filed a reply to the Bank's opposition to the government's motion to dismiss the Bank's petition. The government's motion to dismiss the Bank's petition is pending in court.

The Company and the Bank have received inquiries and requests for information from regulatory agencies relating to some of the entities and events that are the subjects of certain lawsuits described above. This has resulted in, or may in the future result in, regulatory agency investigations, litigation, subpoenas, enforcement actions, and related sanctions or costs. The Company and the Bank continue to cooperate with inquiries and respond to requests as appropriate.

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The NYSDFS has made requests for production of documents, conducted interviews with Bank employees, and taken other investigatory actions with respect to the Bank's practices associated with the Mann Parties. The Bank has complied with these requests, producing responsive, non-privileged documents to the NYSDFS. In Summer 2021, NYSDFS informed the Bank that if the parties could not reach a negotiated resolution related to NYSDFS's findings arising from the Bank's practices associated with the Mann Parties, NYSDFS would proceed to an administrative hearing on the issue. It is unknown whether the parties will be able to resolve the matter. A resolution could involve monetary penalties, injunctive relief, and other regulatory consequences. The monetary penalties could be up to \$30.0 million, though, \$15.0 million of these potential monetary penalties relate to and are not incremental to the damages sought by the plaintiffs in the Southwestern, NatPay, DOJ and the AHX proceedings described in this section.

The Company and the Bank continue to investigate these matters and it is possible that the Company and the Bank will be subject to similar legal, regulatory, governmental or other proceedings and additional liabilities. The ultimate outcome of any such proceedings, involving the Company or the Bank, cannot be predicted with any certainty. It also remains possible that other private parties or governmental bodies will pursue existing or additional claims against the Bank as a result of the Bank's dealings with certain of the Mann Entities or as a result of the actions taken by the Pioneer Parties. The Company's and the Bank's legal fees and expenses related to these actions are significant. In addition, costs associated with potentially prosecuting, litigating or settling any litigation, satisfying any adverse judgments, if any, or other proceedings, could be significant. These legal, regulatory, governmental and other proceedings, claims or investigations, costs, settlements, judgments, sanctions or other expenses could have a material adverse effect on our business prospects, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows or cause significant reputational harm and subject us to face civil litigation, significant fines, damage awards or other material regulatory consequences.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

ITEM 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The common stock of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. has been listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “PBFS” since July 18, 2019. At September 16, 2021, Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. had approximately 1,055 stockholders of record.

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. currently does not anticipate paying a dividend to its stockholders. The payment and amount of any dividend payments will be subject to statutory and regulatory limitations, and will depend upon a number of factors, including the following: regulatory capital requirements; our financial condition and results of operations; our other uses of funds for the long-term value of stockholders; tax considerations; the Federal Reserve Board’s current regulations restricting the waiver of dividends by mutual holding companies; and general economic conditions.

The Federal Reserve Board has issued a policy statement providing that dividends should be paid only out of current earnings and only if our prospective rate of earnings retention is consistent with our capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. Regulatory guidance also provides for prior regulatory consultation with respect to capital distributions in certain circumstances such as where the holding company’s net income for the past four quarters, net of dividends previously paid over that period, is insufficient to fully fund the dividend or the holding company’s overall rate or earnings retention is inconsistent with its capital needs and overall financial condition. In addition, Pioneer Bank’s ability to pay dividends may be limited if it does not have the capital conservation buffer required by certain capital rules, which may limit our ability to pay dividends to stockholders. No assurances can be given that any dividends will be paid or that, if paid, will not be reduced or eliminated in the future. Special cash dividends, stock dividends or returns of capital, to the extent permitted by regulations and policies of the Federal Reserve Board and the NYSDFS, may be paid in addition to, or in lieu of, regular cash dividends.

There were no sales of unregistered securities or repurchases of shares of common stock during the year ended June 30, 2021.

ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data

The following tables set forth selected consolidated historical financial and other data for Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. on a consolidated basis at and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 and Pioneer Bank, on a consolidated basis, at and for the years ended June 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017. It is only a summary and it should be read in conjunction with the business and financial information contained elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the consolidated financial statements that appear starting on page 77 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The information at June 30, 2021 and 2020 and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 is derived in part from the audited consolidated financial statements appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The information at June 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017 and for the years ended June 30, 2019, 2018 and 2017 is derived in part from audited consolidated financial statements not appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

	At June 30,				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
(In thousands except for per share amounts)					
Selected Financial Condition Data:					
Total assets	\$ 1,796,252	\$ 1,526,412	\$ 1,468,285	\$ 1,284,128	\$ 1,134,139
Cash and cash equivalents	324,963	156,903	230,109	120,280	40,261
Securities available for sale	264,602	75,768	86,695	79,212	73,215
Securities held to maturity	10,878	6,822	3,873	5,297	2,213
Equity securities	2,879	8,533	8,658	8,851	8,760
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	1,215	1,010	924	883	1,149
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	1,081,799	1,148,399	1,038,138	985,902	932,762
Bank-owned life insurance	17,212	17,240	17,834	17,715	17,601
Premises and equipment, net	38,918	40,863	41,710	42,902	37,384
Deposits	1,530,896	1,270,150	1,331,318	1,150,262	1,010,026
Borrowings	—	—	—	—	5,000
Shareholders' equity	237,822	223,966	123,258	118,063	104,012

	For the Years Ended June 30,					
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	
(In thousands)						
Selected Operating Data:						
Interest and dividend income		\$ 43,927	\$ 53,519	\$ 54,159	\$ 46,486	\$ 37,621
Interest expense		2,110	4,731	4,480	3,186	2,411
Net interest income		41,817	48,788	49,679	43,300	35,210
Provision for loan losses		4,050	6,790	18,150	1,970	2,395
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		37,767	41,998	31,529	41,330	32,815
Non-interest income		15,750	15,682	14,407	12,804	10,897
Non-interest expense		50,857	51,685	37,890	36,325	35,366
Income before income taxes		2,660	5,995	8,046	17,809	8,346
Income tax expense		1,583	797	737	6,310	2,715
Net income		1,077	5,198	7,309	11,499	5,631
Earnings per share		\$ 0.04	\$ 0.21	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	At or For the Years Ended June 30,				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Performance Ratios:					
Return on average assets	0.07 %	0.36 %	0.55 %	0.92 %	0.52 %
Return on average equity	0.48 %	2.34 %	5.74 %	10.51 %	5.83 %
Interest rate spread (1)	2.69 %	3.51 %	3.93 %	3.67 %	3.47 %
Net interest margin (2)	2.79 %	3.71 %	4.10 %	3.78 %	3.57 %
Non-interest expenses to average assets	3.09 %	3.56 %	2.85 %	2.91 %	3.27 %
Efficiency ratio (3)	88.34 %	80.17 %	59.12 %	64.75 %	76.70 %
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	166.18 %	156.49 %	145.04 %	141.49 %	139.29 %
Capital Ratios (4):					
Average equity to average assets	13.77 %	15.29 %	9.57 %	8.77 %	8.93 %
Total capital to risk weighted assets	18.08 %	16.59 %	12.91 %	12.86 %	12.41 %
Tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets	16.82 %	15.33 %	11.63 %	11.59 %	11.18 %
Common equity tier 1 capital to risk weighted assets	16.82 %	15.33 %	11.63 %	11.59 %	11.18 %
Tier 1 capital to average assets	10.00 %	11.53 %	9.14 %	9.17 %	9.60 %
Asset Quality Ratios:					
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total loans	2.11 %	1.95 %	1.38 %	1.35 %	1.25 %
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of non-performing loans	106.08 %	172.20 %	114.35 %	142.05 %	149.68 %
Net charge-offs (recoveries) to average outstanding loans during the year	0.32 %	(0.14)%	1.66 %	0.03 %	0.04 %
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total loans	1.99 %	1.13 %	1.21 %	0.95 %	0.84 %
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total assets	1.22 %	0.87 %	0.86 %	0.74 %	0.70 %
Total non-performing assets as a percentage of total assets	1.24 %	0.89 %	0.87 %	0.75 %	0.70 %
Other:					
Number of offices	22	22	22	22	22
Number of full-time equivalent employees	245	256	258	259	251

- (1) Represents the difference between the weighted average yield on average interest-earning assets and the weighted average cost of interest-bearing liabilities for the years.
- (2) Represents net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.
- (3) Represents non-interest expenses divided by the sum of net interest income and non-interest income.
- (4) Capital Ratios are for Pioneer Bank

ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This discussion and analysis reflects our consolidated financial statements and other relevant statistical data, and is intended to enhance your understanding of our financial condition and results of operations. The information in this section has been derived in part from the consolidated financial statements that appear beginning on page 77 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and other consolidated financial statements that are not included herein. Please read the information in this section in conjunction with the business and financial information regarding Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., Pioneer Bank and the consolidated financial statements that appear starting on page 77 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Overview

Net Interest Income. Our primary source of income is net interest income. Net interest income is the difference between interest income, which is the income we earn on our loans and investments, and interest expense, which is the interest we pay on our deposits and borrowings.

Provision for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses. The allowance for loan losses is increased through charges to the provision for loan losses. Loans are charged against the allowance when management believes that the collectability of the principal loan amount is not probable. Recoveries on loans previously charged-off, if any, are credited to the allowance for loan losses when realized. It is likely we will incur elevated provision for loan losses and charge-offs due to the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy of our market area and our customers.

Non-interest Income. Our primary sources of non-interest income are banking fees and service charges, insurance and wealth management services income. Our non-interest income also includes net gain or losses on equity securities, net gain or losses on sales and calls of available for sale securities, net gains or losses in cash surrender value of bank owned life insurance, net gain or loss on disposal of assets, other gains and losses, and miscellaneous income.

Non-Interest Expense. Our non-interest expenses consist of salaries and employee benefits, net occupancy and equipment, data processing, advertising and marketing, federal deposit insurance premiums, professional fees, litigation-related expense, and other general and administrative expenses.

Salaries and employee benefits consist primarily of salaries and wages paid to our employees, payroll taxes, and expenses for worker's compensation and disability insurance, health insurance, retirement plans and other employee benefits, as well as commissions and other incentives.

Net occupancy and equipment expenses, which are the fixed and variable costs of buildings and equipment, consist primarily of depreciation charges, rental expenses, furniture and equipment expenses, maintenance, real estate taxes and costs of utilities. Depreciation of premises and equipment is computed using a straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the related assets or the expected lease terms, if shorter.

Data processing expenses are fees we pay to third parties for use of their software and for processing customer information, deposits and loans.

Advertising and marketing includes most marketing expenses including multi-media advertising (public and in-store), promotional events and materials, civic and sales focused memberships, and community support.

Federal deposit insurance premiums are payments we make to the FDIC for insurance of our deposit accounts.

Professional fees includes legal and other consulting expenses.

Litigation-related expense include expenses related to legal proceedings, exclusive of legal fees and expenses.

Other expenses include expenses for office supplies, postage, telephone, insurance and other miscellaneous operating expenses.

Income Tax Expense. Our income tax expense is the total of the current year income tax due or refundable and the change in deferred tax assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are the expected future tax amounts for the temporary differences between the carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities, computed using enacted tax rates. A valuation allowance, if needed, reduces deferred tax assets to the amounts expected to be realized.

Recent Developments

COVID-19 Pandemic

Although there is a high degree of uncertainty around the magnitude and duration of the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company's management believes that it was well positioned with adequate levels of capital as of June 30, 2021. At June 30, 2021, all of the Bank's regulatory capital ratios exceeded all well-capitalized standards. More specifically, the Bank's Tier 1 Leverage Ratio, a common measure to evaluate a financial institution's capital strength, was 10.00% at June 30, 2021.

In addition, management believes the Company was well positioned with adequate levels of liquidity as of June 30, 2021. The Bank maintains a funding base largely comprised of core noninterest bearing demand deposit accounts and low cost interest-bearing savings and money market deposit accounts with customers that operate, reside or work within its branch footprint. At June 30, 2021, the Company's cash and cash equivalents balance was \$325.0 million. The Company also maintains an available-for-sale investment securities portfolio, comprised primarily of highly liquid U.S. Treasury securities and highly-rated municipal securities. This portfolio not only generates interest income, but also serves as a ready source of liquidity. At June 30, 2021, the Company's available-for-sale investment securities portfolio totaled \$264.6 million. The Bank's unused borrowing capacity at the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York at June 30, 2021 was \$208.9 million.

The Bank participated in the PPP, a specialized low-interest (1%) forgivable loan program funded by the U.S. Treasury Department and administered by the SBA. The SBA will guarantee 100% of the PPP loans made to eligible borrowers. As of June 30, 2021, the Bank's commercial loan portfolio included 381 PPP loans totaling \$51.5 million. The Bank assisted a substantial number of its PPP borrowers with forgiveness requests during the fourth fiscal quarter of 2021 and expects to continue assisting PPP borrowers with forgiveness requests during the first fiscal quarter of 2022. As of June 30, 2021, the Bank has received forgiveness or loan payoffs related to 586 borrowers' PPP loans for a total of \$63.9 million.

From a credit risk and lending perspective, the Company has taken actions to identify and assess its COVID-19 related credit exposures based on asset class and borrower type. Through June 30, 2021, no specific COVID-19 related credit impairment was identified within the Company's investment securities portfolio, including the Company's municipal securities portfolio. With respect to the Company's lending activities, the Company implemented customer payment deferral programs to assist both consumer and commercial borrowers that may be experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 related challenges, whereby short-term deferrals of payments (generally three to six months) have been provided. In relation to its consumer borrowers, as of June 30, 2021, the Company had COVID-19 related financial hardship payment deferrals totaling nine loans representing \$1.4 million of the Company's residential mortgage, home equity loans and lines of credit, and consumer loan balances, which is down from 110 loans representing \$27.4 million of the Company's residential mortgage, home equity loans and lines of credit, and consumer loan balances as of June 30, 2020. In relation to its commercial borrowers, as of June 30, 2021, the Company had COVID-19 related financial hardship payment deferrals totaling four loans representing \$16.3 million of the Company's commercial loan balances, which is down from 144 loans representing \$170.3 million of the Company's commercial loan balances as of June 30, 2020. Loans in deferment status will continue to accrue interest during the deferment period unless otherwise classified as nonperforming. Consistent with the CARES Act and industry regulatory guidance, borrowers that were otherwise current on loan payments that were granted COVID-19 related financial hardship payment deferrals will continue to be reported as current loans throughout the agreed upon deferral period and not classified as troubled-debt restructured loans. Borrowers that were delinquent in their payments to the Bank prior to requesting a COVID-19 related financial hardship payment deferral, were reviewed on a case by case basis for troubled debt restructure classification and non-performing loan status. In the instances where the Bank granted a payment deferral to a delinquent borrower, the borrower's delinquency status was frozen as of March 20, 2020, and their loans will continue to be reported as delinquent during the deferment period based on their delinquency status as of March 20, 2020. Although the amount of loans in deferral status at June 30, 2021 has declined from June 30, 2020, there are borrowers continuing to experience COVID-19 related financial hardships. The Company believes that delinquent and nonperforming loans may increase in future periods as borrowers that continue to experience COVID-19 related financial hardships may be unable to continue loan payments

consistent with their contractual obligations and the Company may be required to make additional provisions for loan losses.

The COVID-19 crisis is expected to continue to adversely impact the Company's financial results, as well as demand for its services and products in fiscal year 2022 and potentially beyond. The short and long-term implications of the COVID-19 crisis, and related monetary and fiscal stimulus measures, on the Company's future operations, revenues, earnings results, allowance for loan losses, capital reserves, and liquidity are unknown at this time. At this point, the extent to which COVID-19 may impact our future financial condition or results of operations is uncertain and not currently estimable, however the impact could be adverse and material.

Mann Entities Related Fraudulent Activity

During the first fiscal quarter of 2020 (the quarter ending September 30, 2019), the Company became aware of potentially fraudulent activity associated with transactions by an established business customer of the Bank. The customer and various affiliated entities (collectively, the "Mann Entities") had numerous accounts with the Bank. The transactions in question related both to deposit and lending activity with the Mann Entities.

For the fraudulent activity related to the Mann Entities, the Bank's potential exposure with respect to its deposit activity was approximately \$18.5 million. In the first fiscal quarter of 2020, the Bank exercised its rights pursuant to state and federal law and the relevant Mann Entity general deposit account agreements to take actions to set off/recover approximately \$16.0 million from general deposit corporate operating accounts held by the Mann Entities at the Bank to partially cover overdrafts/negative account balances in Mann Entity general deposit corporate operating accounts that primarily resulted from another bank returning/calling back \$15.6 million in checks on August 30, 2019, that the Mann Entities had deposited into and then withdrawn from their accounts at the Bank the day before. In the first fiscal quarter of 2020, the Bank recognized a charge to non-interest expense in the amount of \$2.5 million based on the net negative deposit balance of the various Mann Entities' accounts after the setoffs/overdraft recoveries. Through the end of the fourth fiscal quarter of 2021, no additional charges to non-interest expense were recognized related to the deposit transactions with the Mann Entities.

With respect to the Bank's lending activity with the Mann Entities, its potential monetary exposure was approximately \$15.8 million (which represents the Bank's participation interest in the approximately \$35.8 million commercial loan relationships for which the Bank is the originating lender). For additional details regarding legal, other proceedings and related matters, see, "Part I, Item 3 – Legal Proceedings". In the fourth fiscal quarter of 2019, the Bank recognized a provision for loan losses in the amount of \$15.8 million, related to the charge-off of the entire principal balance owed to the Bank related to the Mann Entities' commercial loan relationships. During the third fiscal quarter of 2020 and the first fiscal quarter of 2021, the Bank recognized partial recoveries in the amount of \$1.7 million and \$34,000, respectively, related to the charge-off of the Mann Entities' commercial loan relationships, which were credited to the allowance for loan losses. Through the end of the fourth fiscal quarter of 2021, no additional charges to the provision for loan losses were recognized related to the loan transactions with the Mann Entities.

Several other parties and regulatory agencies are asserting claims against the Company and the Bank related to the series of transactions between the Company or the Bank, on the one hand, and the Mann Entities, on the other. The Company and the Bank continue to investigate these matters and it is possible that the Company and the Bank will be subject to additional liabilities which may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. The Company is pursuing all available sources of recovery and other means of mitigating the potential loss, and the Company and the Bank are vigorously defending all claims asserted against them arising out of or otherwise related to the fraudulent activity of the Mann Entities. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Bank recognized insurance recoveries in the amount of \$1.3 million, related to the partial reimbursement of defense costs incurred as a result of these matters, which were credited to noninterest expense – professional fees on the consolidated statement of operations. For additional details regarding legal, other proceedings and related matters, including litigation-related expense, see, "Part I, Item 3 – Legal Proceedings".

Business Strategy

Our business strategy is to operate as a well-capitalized and profitable community bank dedicated to providing personal service to our individual, business and municipal customers. We believe that we have a competitive advantage in the markets we serve because of our 130-year history in the community, our knowledge of the local marketplace and our long-standing reputation for providing superior, relationship-based customer service. We believe we can distinguish ourselves by maintaining the culture of a local community bank, but offering the products of a comprehensive financial services provider by promoting and continuing to expand our insurance, consulting and wealth management businesses. The following are the key elements of our business strategy:

Continue our emphasis on commercial lending. Over the last five years, we have increased our commercial loan portfolio, which consists of commercial real estate, commercial and industrial and commercial construction loans, consistent with safe and sound underwriting practices. This has had the benefits of increasing the yield on our loan portfolio while reducing the average term to repricing of our loans. However, we have sought to maintain an appropriate balance in the overall loan portfolio between our commercial and non-commercial loans in order to diversify our credit risk. At June 30, 2021, our commercial loan portfolio totaled \$722.9 million, or 65.6% of total loans, compared with \$646.9 million, or 68.5% of total loans, at June 30, 2017. We view the growth of commercial lending as a means of increasing our interest income and establishing relationships with local businesses, which offer a recurring and potentially broader source of fee income through commercial deposits, commercial insurance, and employee benefits products and consulting. We also generally require that commercial and industrial loan borrowers establish a commercial deposit account with us, which assists our efforts to grow core deposits and cross-sell our other products and services. The additional capital raised in our initial public offering has enabled us to increase our originations of commercial real estate, commercial and industrial and commercial construction loans in our primary market area, and originate loans with larger balances that we intend to retain in our portfolio.

Diversify our products and services in order to increase non-interest income. We continue to seek ways of increasing our non-interest income by growing our financial services businesses. We sell commercial and personal insurance products and provide employee benefits products and services through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Anchor Agency, Inc., which we acquired in 2016. We expanded our employee benefits products and services business through our acquisition in 2017 of substantially all of the operating assets of Capital Region Strategic Employee Benefits Services, LLC, an employee benefits and consulting firm. We initially entered into the wealth management services business by establishing Pioneer Financial Services, Inc. in 1997 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pioneer Bank (which operates under the name Pioneer Wealth Management). We substantially grew this business with the acquisition of substantially all of the operating assets of Ward Financial Management, LTD in 2018. At June 30, 2021, Pioneer Financial Services, Inc. had \$671.0 million of assets under management. We believe that there will be opportunities to cross-sell these products to our deposit and borrower customers which may further increase our non-interest income, and also to cross-sell our banking services and products to customers and clients of Anchor Agency, Inc. and Pioneer Financial Services, Inc. We intend to consider future acquisition opportunities to expand our insurance, wealth management activities (including the amount of the assets that we have under management) or other complementary financial services businesses.

Increase our Share of Lower-Cost Core Deposits. We continue to emphasize offering core deposits (demand deposit accounts, savings accounts and money market accounts) to businesses, municipalities and individuals located in our market area. Core deposits represent our best opportunity to develop customer relationships that enable us to cross-sell the products and services of our complementary subsidiaries. We attract and retain transaction accounts by offering competitive products and rates and providing quality customer service. Our core deposits increased \$553.7 million to \$1.4 billion at June 30, 2021 from \$882.4 million at June 30, 2017. At June 30, 2021, core deposits comprised 93.8% of our total deposits. Core deposits are our least costly source of funds which improves our interest rate spread and also contributes non-interest income from account-related services.

Strategically Grow our Balance Sheet. We believe there is a large customer base in our market that prefers doing business with local institutions and may be dissatisfied with the service they receive from the larger regional banks. By offering personalized customer service, along with our extensive knowledge of our local markets and employees who have strong relationships with our customers which leads to referrals and repeat business, we believe we can leverage these strengths to attract and retain customers. We have recently undergone a significant rebranding effort and updated our

branch layout, website and other technology infrastructure that prioritizes the customer experience and moves away from the traditional single branch channel. We also believe we can capitalize on commercial deposit and personal banking relationships derived from an increase in commercial real estate and commercial business lending. Based on the foregoing, our attractive market area and strategic investment in technology to enhance the customer experience, we believe we are well-positioned to increase our balance sheet, particularly loans and deposits.

Summary of Critical Accounting Policies

The discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations are based on our financial statements, which are prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions affecting the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of income and expenses. We consider the accounting policies discussed below to be critical accounting policies. The estimates and assumptions that we use are based on historical experience and various other factors and are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions, resulting in a change that could have a material impact on the carrying value of our assets and liabilities and our results of operations.

The JOBS Act contains provisions that, among other things, reduce certain reporting requirements for qualifying public companies. As an “emerging growth company” we may delay adoption of new or revised accounting pronouncements applicable to public companies until such pronouncements are made applicable to private companies. We intend to take advantage of the benefits of this extended transition period. Accordingly, our financial statements may not be comparable to companies that comply with such new or revised accounting standards.

The following represent our critical accounting policies:

Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is the amount estimated by management as necessary to absorb credit losses incurred in the loan portfolio that are both probable and reasonably estimable at the relevant balance sheet date. The amount of the allowance is based on significant estimates, and the ultimate losses may vary from such estimates as more information becomes available or conditions change. The methodology for determining the allowance for loan losses is considered a critical accounting policy by management due to the high degree of judgment involved, the subjectivity of the assumptions used and the potential for changes in the economic environment that could result in changes to the amount of the recorded allowance for loan losses.

As a substantial percentage of our loan portfolio is collateralized by real estate, appraisals of the underlying value of property securing loans are critical in determining the amount of the allowance required for specific loans. Assumptions are instrumental in determining the value of properties. Overly optimistic assumptions or negative changes to assumptions could significantly affect the valuation of a property securing a loan and the related allowance determined. Management carefully reviews the assumptions supporting such appraisals to determine that the resulting values reasonably reflect amounts realizable on the related loans.

Management performs an evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses at least quarterly. We consider a variety of factors in establishing this estimate including, but not limited to, current economic conditions, delinquency statistics, credit concentrations, the adequacy of the underlying collateral, the financial strength of the borrower, results of internal loan reviews and other relevant factors. This evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires material estimates by management that may be susceptible to significant change based on changes in economic and real estate market conditions.

The evaluation has specific and general components. The specific component relates to loans that are deemed to be impaired and classified as special mention, substandard, doubtful, or loss. For such loans that are also classified as impaired, a portion of the allowance is allocated so that the loan is reported, net, at the present value of estimated future cash flows using the loan’s existing rate or at the fair value of collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. The general component covers non-classified loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for qualitative factors.

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Actual loan losses may be significantly more than the allowance we have established which could have a material negative effect on our financial results.

Legal Proceedings and Other Contingent Liabilities. In the ordinary course of business, we are involved in a number of legal, regulatory, governmental and other proceedings, claims or investigations that could result in losses, including damages, fines and/or civil penalties, which could be significant concerning matters arising from the conduct of our business. In view of the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of such matters, particularly where the claimants seek large or indeterminate damages, we generally cannot predict the eventual outcome of the pending matters, timing of the ultimate resolution of these matters, or eventual loss, fines or penalties related to each pending matter. In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, we establish an accrued liability when those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and estimable. Our estimate of potential losses will change over time and the actual losses may vary significantly, and there may be an exposure to loss in excess of any amounts accrued. As a matter develops, management, in conjunction with any outside counsel handling the matter, evaluate on an ongoing basis whether such matter presents a loss contingency that is probable and estimable; or where a loss is reasonably possible, whether in excess of a related accrued liability or where there is no accrued liability, whether it is possible to estimate a range of possible loss. Once the loss contingency is deemed to be both probable and estimable, we establish an accrued liability and record a corresponding amount of litigation-related expense. We continue to monitor the matters for further developments that could affect the amount of the accrued liability that has been previously established. These estimates are based upon currently available information and are subject to significant judgment, a variety of assumptions and known and unknown uncertainties. The matters underlying the accrued liability and estimated range of possible losses are unpredictable and may change from time to time, and actual losses may vary significantly from the current estimate and accrual which could have a material negative effect on our financial results. The estimated range of possible loss does not represent our maximum loss exposure.

Income Taxes. Income tax expense (benefit) is the total of the current year income tax due or refundable and the change in deferred tax assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are the expected future tax amounts for temporary differences between carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities, computed using enacted tax rates. A valuation allowance, if needed, reduces deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. We recognize interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters in other expense. A tax position is recognized as a benefit only if it is “more likely than not” that the tax position would be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized is the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50% likely of being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the “more likely than not” test, no tax benefit is recorded. Management determines the need for a deferred tax valuation allowance based upon the realizability of tax benefits from the reversal of temporary differences creating the deferred tax assets, as well as the amounts of available open tax carrybacks, if any. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, no valuation allowance was required.

We exercise significant judgment in evaluating the amount and timing of recognition of the resulting tax assets and liabilities. These judgments require us to make projections of future taxable income. The judgments and estimates we make in determining our deferred tax assets are inherently subjective and are reviewed on a regular basis as regulatory or business factors change. Any reduction in estimated future taxable income may require us to record a valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets. A valuation allowance that results in additional income tax expense in the period in which it is recognized would negatively affect earnings.

Fair Value Measurements. The fair value of a financial instrument is 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 particular asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. We estimate the fair value of a financial instrument and any related asset impairment using a variety of valuation methods. Where financial instruments are actively traded and have quoted market prices, quoted market prices as of the measurement date are used for fair value. When the financial instruments are not actively traded, other observable market inputs, such as quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, quoted prices in markets that are not active or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data, may be used, if available, to determine fair value. When observable market prices do not exist, we estimate fair value. These estimates are subjective in nature and imprecision in estimating these factors can impact the amount of revenue or loss recorded.

Investment Securities. Available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities are reviewed by management on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market conditions warrant, for possible other-than-temporary impairment. In determining other-than-temporary impairment, management considers many factors, including the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, whether the market decline was affected by macroeconomic conditions and whether the Company has the intent to sell the debt security or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before its anticipated recovery. A decline in value that is considered to be other-than-temporary is recorded as a loss within non-interest income in the statement of operations. The assessment of whether other-than-temporary impairment exists involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and is based on the information available to management at a point in time. In order to determine other-than-temporary impairment for mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations, we compare the present value of the remaining cash flows as estimated at the preceding evaluation date to the current expected remaining cash flows. Other-than-temporary impairment is deemed to have occurred if there has been an adverse change in the remaining expected future cash flows.

Pension Obligations. We maintain a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all of our full-time employees hired before September 1, 2019. The benefits are developed from actuarial valuations and are based on the employee's years of service and compensation. Actuarial assumptions such as interest rates, expected return on plan assets, turnover, mortality and rates of future compensation increases have a significant impact on the costs, assets and liabilities of the plan. Pension expense is the net of service cost, interest cost, return on plan assets and amortization of gains and losses not immediately recognized.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets. The excess of the cost of acquired entities over the fair value of identifiable tangible and intangible assets acquired, less liabilities assumed, is recorded as goodwill. Goodwill is carried at its acquired value and is reviewed annually for impairment, or when events or changes in circumstances indicate that carrying amounts may be impaired.

Acquired identifiable intangible assets that have finite lives are amortized over their useful economic life. Customer relationship intangibles are generally amortized over fifteen years based upon the projected discounted cash flows of the accounts acquired. Core deposit premium related to the Bank's assumption of certain deposit liabilities is being amortized over fifteen years. Acquired identifiable intangible assets that are amortized are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts may be impaired.

Average Balances and Yields

The following table sets forth average balances, average yields and costs, and certain other information for the years indicated. No tax-equivalent yield adjustments have been made, as the effects would be 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, as applicable.

	For the Years Ended June 30,								
	2021			2020			2019		
	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost	Average Outstanding Balance	Interest	Average Yield/Cost
	(Dollars in thousands)								
Interest-earning assets:									
Loans	\$ 1,127,282	\$ 42,394	3.76 %	\$ 1,092,425	\$ 49,510	4.53 %	\$ 1,031,592	\$ 49,818	4.83 %
Securities	155,946	1,218	0.78 %	92,981	2,108	2.27 %	107,572	2,541	2.36 %
Interest-earning deposits	217,957	315	0.14 %	129,097	1,901	1.47 %	72,686	1,800	2.48 %
Total interest-earning assets	1,501,185	43,927	2.93 %	1,314,503	53,519	4.07 %	1,211,850	54,159	4.47 %
Non-interest-earning assets	143,397			137,952			118,482		
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,644,582</u>			<u>\$ 1,452,455</u>			<u>\$ 1,330,332</u>		
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Demand deposits	\$ 151,211	181	0.12 %	\$ 110,444	215	0.19 %	\$ 114,699	341	0.30 %
Savings deposits	275,095	125	0.05 %	241,471	127	0.05 %	246,055	126	0.05 %
Money market deposits	370,506	519	0.14 %	351,790	1,997	0.57 %	338,883	1,818	0.54 %
Certificates of deposit	102,628	1,201	1.17 %	127,671	2,268	1.78 %	128,041	1,960	1.53 %
Total interest-bearing deposits	899,440	2,026	0.23 %	831,376	4,607	0.55 %	827,678	4,245	0.51 %
Borrowings and other	3,890	84	2.16 %	8,624	124	1.44 %	7,857	235	2.99 %
Total interest-bearing liabilities	903,330	2,110	0.23 %	840,000	4,731	0.56 %	835,535	4,480	0.54 %
Non-interest-bearing liabilities	514,836			390,366			367,468		
Total liabilities	1,418,166			1,230,366			1,203,003		
Total shareholders' equity	226,416			222,089			127,329		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 1,644,582</u>			<u>\$ 1,452,455</u>			<u>\$ 1,330,332</u>		
Net interest income		<u>\$ 41,817</u>			<u>\$ 48,788</u>			<u>\$ 49,679</u>	
Net interest rate spread (1)			2.69 %			3.51 %			3.93 %
Net interest-earning assets (2)	<u>\$ 597,855</u>			<u>\$ 474,503</u>			<u>\$ 376,315</u>		
Net interest margin (3)			2.79 %			3.71 %			4.10 %
Average interest-earning assets to interest-bearing liabilities	166.18 %			156.49 %			145.04 %		

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

Rate/Volume Analysis

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

	Year Ended June 30, 2021 vs. 2020			Year Ended June 30, 2020 vs. 2019		
	Increase (Decrease) Due to Volume	Increase (Decrease) Due to Rate	Total Increase (Decrease)	Increase (Decrease) Due to Volume	Increase (Decrease) Due to Rate	Total Increase (Decrease)
(In thousands)						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans	\$ 1,537	\$ (8,653)	\$ (7,116)	\$ 2,849	\$ (3,157)	\$ (308)
Securities	952	(1,842)	(890)	(334)	(99)	(433)
Interest-earning deposits	798	(2,384)	(1,586)	1,025	(924)	101
Total interest-earning assets	<u>3,287</u>	<u>(12,879)</u>	<u>(9,592)</u>	<u>3,540</u>	<u>(4,180)</u>	<u>(640)</u>
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Demand deposits	64	(98)	(34)	(12)	(114)	(126)
Savings deposits	16	(18)	(2)	(2)	3	1
Money market deposits	101	(1,579)	(1,478)	71	108	179
Certificates of deposit	(389)	(678)	(1,067)	(6)	314	308
Total interest-bearing deposits	<u>(208)</u>	<u>(2,373)</u>	<u>(2,581)</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>311</u>	<u>362</u>
Borrowings and other	(86)	46	(40)	21	(132)	(111)
Total interest-bearing liabilities	<u>(294)</u>	<u>(2,327)</u>	<u>(2,621)</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>251</u>
Change in net interest income	<u>\$ 3,581</u>	<u>\$ (10,552)</u>	<u>\$ (6,971)</u>	<u>\$ 3,468</u>	<u>\$ (4,359)</u>	<u>\$ (891)</u>

Exclusive of the impact of PPP loans, the Company expects its first fiscal quarter of 2022 net interest margin to remain depressed due to the precipitous drop in the Federal Funds, Prime and LIBOR interest rates in the second half of fiscal 2020. Expected decreases in average interest earning asset yields are not expected to be fully offset by expected decreases in the average cost of funds. Although the stated interest rate on PPP loans is fixed at 1.0%, the timing of the Company's recognition of the interest income on origination fees, net of deferred origination costs, on PPP loans is uncertain as to the period of recognition at this time and will likely cause continued interest earning asset yield volatility as loans are forgiven by the SBA.

Comparison of Financial Condition at June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020

Total Assets. Total assets increased \$269.8 million, or 17.7%, to \$1.80 billion at June 30, 2021 from \$1.53 billion at June 30, 2020. The increase was due primarily to an increase of \$188.8 million, or 249.2%, in securities available for sale as well as a \$168.1 million, or 107.1%, increase in cash and cash equivalents partially offset by a decrease of \$66.6 million, or 5.8%, in net loans receivable and a decrease of \$17.4 million, or 29.9%, in other assets. The \$17.4 million decrease in other assets from \$58.0 million at June 30, 2020 to \$40.6 million at June 30, 2021 was primarily due to a decrease in the estimated fair value of derivative assets related to interest rate swaps.

Cash and Cash Equivalents. Total cash and cash equivalents increased \$168.1 million, or 107.1%, to \$325.0 million at June 30, 2021 from \$156.9 million at June 30, 2020. This increase resulted from net increases in deposits of \$260.7 million from \$1.3 billion at June 30, 2020 to \$1.5 billion at June 30, 2021 primarily due to deposit customers continuing to increase cash balances during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as, federal stimulus funds being received by consumer, commercial and municipal deposit customers.

Securities Available for Sale. Total securities available for sale increased \$188.8 million, or 249.2%, to \$264.6 million at June 30, 2021 from \$75.8 million at June 30, 2020. The increase was primarily due to purchases of U.S Government and agency obligations and municipal obligations during the year ended June 30, 2021 to deploy excess liquidity and to collateralize an increase in municipal deposits.

Securities Held to Maturity. Total securities held to maturity increased \$4.1 million, or 59.5%, to \$10.9 million at June 30, 2021 from \$6.8 million at June 30, 2020 due primarily to the purchase of a \$5.0 million corporate debt security to deploy excess liquidity, partially offset by maturities and pay downs.

Net Loans. Net loans of \$1.08 billion at June 30, 2021 decreased \$66.6 million, or 5.8%, from \$1.15 billion at June 30, 2020. By loan category, commercial and industrial loans decreased by \$69.3 million, or 29.2%, to \$167.9 million at June 30, 2021 from \$237.2 million at June 30, 2020; commercial construction loans decreased \$26.9 million, or 29.3%, to \$64.9 million at June 30, 2021 from \$91.8 million at June 30, 2020; consumer loans decreased by \$5.3 million, or 17.1%, to \$25.6 million at June 30, 2021 from \$30.9 million at June 30, 2020; and home equity loans and lines of credit decreased by \$4.9 million, or 6.1%, to \$75.5 million at June 30, 2021 from \$80.3 million at June 30, 2020. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in commercial real estate loans of \$39.7 million, or 8.8%, to \$490.1 million at June 30, 2021 from \$450.5 million at June 30, 2020. The decrease in commercial and industrial loans was primarily due to the forgiveness and repayment of PPP loans during the year ended June 30, 2021, as well as, various pay downs and payoffs. Commercial and industrial loans included PPP loans of \$51.5 million as of June 30, 2021, representing a decrease of \$22.5 million from \$74.0 million as of June 30, 2020. The decrease in commercial construction loans was primarily due to the conversion of several commercial construction loans to permanent financing. The increase in commercial real estate loans was related to the conversion of several commercial construction loans to permanent financing.

Deposits. Total deposits increased \$260.7 million, or 20.5%, to \$1.53 billion at June 30, 2021 from \$1.27 billion at June 30, 2020. The increase in deposits reflected an increase in money market accounts of \$110.7 million, or 32.2%, to \$454.5 million at June 30, 2021 from \$343.7 million at June 30, 2020; an increase in non-interest-bearing demand accounts of \$67.4 million, or 15.4%, to \$504.9 million at June 30, 2021 from \$437.5 million at June 30, 2020; an increase in interest-bearing demand accounts of \$65.1 million, or 58.8%, to \$175.8 million at June 30, 2021 from \$110.7 million at June 30, 2020; and an increase in savings accounts of \$42.3 million, or 16.3%, to \$300.8 million at June 30, 2021 from \$258.6 million at June 30, 2020. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in certificates of deposit of \$24.7 million, or 20.6%, to \$94.9 million at June 30, 2021 from \$119.6 million at June 30, 2020. The increase in non-interest bearing demand accounts and the increase in savings accounts were primarily due to deposit customers increasing cash balances during the COVID-19 pandemic. The increase in money market accounts was primarily due to federal stimulus funds being received by municipal deposit customers. The increase in interest-bearing demand accounts was primarily due to increases at certain large dollar accounts. The decrease in certificates of deposit was primarily due to the maturity of certain large dollar accounts.

Total Shareholders' Equity. Total shareholders' equity increased \$13.9 million, or 6.2%, to \$237.8 million at June 30, 2021 from \$224.0 million at June 30, 2020. The increase was principally due to a decrease in accumulated other comprehensive loss of \$12.2 million primarily from our defined benefit plan, as well as, an increase in retained earnings of \$1.1 million from net income during the year ended June 30, 2021.

Comparison of Operating Results for the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020

General. Net income decreased by \$4.1 million, or 79.3%, to \$1.1 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$5.2 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. The decrease was primarily due to a \$7.0 million decrease in net interest income and a \$786,000 increase in income tax expense, partially offset by a \$2.7 million decrease in the provision for loan losses and a \$828,000 decrease in non-interest expense.

Interest and Dividend Income. Interest and dividend income decreased \$9.6 million, or 17.9%, to \$43.9 million for the year ended June 30, 2021, from \$53.5 million for the year ended June 30, 2020 due to decreases in interest income on loans, securities, and interest-earning deposits. The decrease reflected a 114 basis points decrease in the average yield on interest-earning assets to 2.93% for the year ended June 30, 2021, from 4.07% for the year ended June 30, 2020, offset by a \$186.7 million increase in the average balance of interest-earning assets.

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Interest income on loans decreased \$7.1 million, or 14.4%, to \$42.4 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$49.5 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. Interest income on loans decreased primarily due to a 77 basis points decrease in the average yield on loans to 3.76% for the year ended June 30, 2021 from 4.53% for the year ended June 30, 2020, partially offset by a \$34.9 million increase in the average balance of loans to \$1.13 billion for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$1.09 billion for the year ended June 30, 2020. The decrease in the average yield on loans was primarily due to the downward adjustment of interest rates on our existing adjustable-rate loans following the actions taken by the Federal Reserve to reduce short-term interest rates. The increase in the average balance of loans was due to the Company's PPP loan originations, as well as, our continued effort to increase our commercial loan portfolio.

Interest income on securities decreased \$890,000, or 42.2%, to \$1.2 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$2.1 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. Interest income on securities decreased primarily due to a 149 basis points decrease in the average yield on securities to 0.78% for the year ended June 30, 2021 from 2.27% for the year ended June 30, 2020, offset by a \$62.9 million increase in the average balance of securities to \$155.9 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$93.0 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. The decrease in average yield of securities was due to scheduled maturities of higher yielding U.S. government and agency and municipal obligation securities, as well as, decreased market rates of interest for new securities that were purchased during the year ended June 30, 2021. The increase in the average balance of securities was due to increased purchases of U.S. government and agency and municipal obligation securities during the year ended June 30, 2021 as compared to the year ended June 30, 2020.

Interest income on interest-earning deposits decreased \$1.6 million, or 83.4%, to \$315,000 for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$1.9 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. Interest income on interest-earning deposits decreased due to a 133 basis points decrease in the average yield on interest-earning deposits to 0.14% for the year ended June 30, 2021 from 1.47% for the year ended June 30, 2020 as market interest rates decreased. The decrease in the average yield on interest-earning deposits was offset by an \$88.9 million increase in the average balance of interest-earning deposits to \$218.0 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$129.1 million for the year ended June 30, 2020, as management favored maintaining increased levels of cash and cash equivalents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Interest Expense. Interest expense decreased \$2.6 million, or 55.4%, to \$2.1 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$4.7 million for the year ended June 30, 2020 as a result of a decrease in interest expense on deposits. The decrease primarily reflected a 33 basis points decrease in the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities to 0.23% for the year ended June 30, 2021 from 0.56% for the year ended June 30, 2020, offset by a \$63.3 million increase in the average balance of interest-bearing liabilities.

Interest expense on interest-bearing deposits decreased \$2.6 million, or 56.0%, to \$2.0 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$4.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. Interest expense on interest-bearing deposits decreased primarily due to a 32 basis points decrease in the average cost of interest-bearing deposits to 0.23% for the year ended June 30, 2021 from 0.55% for the prior year, offset by a \$68.0 million increase in the average balance of deposits to \$899.4 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$831.4 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. The decrease in the average cost of deposits reflected competition from other financial service providers operating in our market, specifically with regard to certificates of deposit and the decrease in market interest rates. The increase in average interest-bearing deposits was primarily due to federal stimulus funds being received by municipal deposit customers, as well as, increases in certain large dollar deposit relationships.

Interest expense on Federal Home Loan Bank of New York borrowings and other interest-bearing liabilities decreased \$40,000 to \$84,000 for the year ended June 30, 2021 compared to \$124,000 for the year ended June 30, 2020. The decrease was due primarily to a \$4.7 million decrease in the average balance of Federal Home Loan Bank of New York advances and other interest-bearing liabilities to \$3.9 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$8.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2020, offset by a 72 basis points increase in the average cost of Federal Home Loan Bank of New York advances and other interest-bearing liabilities to 2.16% for the year ended June 30, 2021 from 1.44% for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income decreased \$7.0 million, or 14.3%, to \$41.8 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 compared to \$48.8 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. The decrease reflected an 82 basis points decrease in the net interest rate spread to 2.69% for the year ended June 30, 2021 from 3.51% for the year ended June 30,

2020, partially offset by, a \$123.4 million increase in the average balance of net interest-earning assets to \$597.9 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$474.5 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. The net interest margin decreased 92 basis points to 2.79% for the year ended June 30, 2021 from 3.71% for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Provision for Loan Losses. We recorded a provision for loan losses of \$4.1 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 compared to \$6.8 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. The decrease in the provision was primarily due to increased provisions related to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic during the year ended June 30, 2020. Net charge-offs increased to \$3.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2021, compared to a net recovery of \$1.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. Net charge-offs for the year ended June 30, 2021 included the charge-off of three commercial loan relationships totaling \$3.1 million. Non-performing assets increased to \$22.3 million, or 1.24% of total assets, at June 30, 2021, compared to \$13.5 million, or 0.89% of total assets, at June 30, 2020. The allowance for loan losses was \$23.3 million, or 2.11% of net loans outstanding, at June 30, 2021 and \$22.9 million, or 1.95% of net loans outstanding, at June 30, 2020.

Non-Interest Income. Non-interest income increased \$68,000, or 0.4%, to \$15.8 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$15.7 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. The increase was primarily due to a \$1.8 million increase in the net gain on equity securities and an increase of \$338,000 in insurance and wealth management services, offset by a decrease of \$1.9 million in bank fees and service charges and a \$576,000 decrease in bank-owned life insurance. The increase in the net gain on equity securities for the year ended June 30, 2021 was due to the increase in market value of our equity securities as compared to the prior year. The increase in income attributable to our insurance and wealth management services reflected an increase in our assets under management to \$671.0 million at June 30, 2021 from \$552.6 million at June 30, 2020. Bank fees and service charges decreased primarily due to less commercial loan fees and a decrease in deposit service charges due to a drop in transaction activity related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The decrease in bank-owned life insurance was primarily due to proceeds from a death benefit during the year ended June 30, 2020.

Non-Interest Expense. Non-interest expense decreased \$828,000, or 1.6%, to \$50.9 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$51.7 million for the year ended June 30, 2020. The decrease was primarily the result of the \$5.4 million contribution of stock and cash to the Pioneer Bank Charitable Foundation in conjunction with our minority stock issuance, and a \$2.5 million charge based on the net negative deposit balance of the various Mann Entities' accounts after the setoffs/overdraft recoveries for the year ended June 30, 2020. The decrease in non-interest expense was largely offset by the \$4.5 million litigation-related expense (see Item 3 – "Legal Proceedings," for details), and an increase in FDIC insurance premiums related to Small Bank Assessment Credits for the year ended June 30, 2020 which offset the premium expense for that year, and an increase in salaries and benefits expense related to higher net periodic pension expense.

Income Tax Expense. Income tax expense increased \$786,000 to \$1.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2021 from \$797,000 for the year ended June 30, 2020 and resulted in an effective tax rate of 59.5% for the year ended June 30, 2021 compared to 13.3% for the year ended June 30, 2020. The increase in our effective tax rate for 2021 was primarily due to non-deductible expenses, as well as, the increase in the New York State alternative tax on apportioned capital to 0.1875%.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity. Liquidity describes our ability to meet the financial obligations that arise in the ordinary course of business. Liquidity is primarily needed to meet the borrowing and deposit withdrawal requirements of our customers and to fund current and planned expenditures. Our primary sources of funds are deposits, principal and interest payments on loans and securities, and proceeds from calls, maturities and sales of securities. We also have the ability to borrow from the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York. At June 30, 2021, we had the ability to borrow up to \$360.9 million, of which none was utilized for borrowings and \$152.0 million was utilized as collateral for letters of credit issued to secure municipal deposits. At June 30, 2021, we had a \$20.0 million unsecured line of credit with a correspondent bank with no outstanding balance.

We cannot accurately predict what the impact of the events described in “Recent Developments – COVID-19 Pandemic and Mann Entities Related Fraudulent Activity” above and in the “Legal Proceedings” section may have on our liquidity and capital resources. For example, costs associated with potentially prosecuting, litigating or settling any litigation, satisfying any adverse judgments, if any, or other regulatory proceedings, could be significant. We continue to monitor these matters for further developments that could affect the amount of the accrued liability that has been established. Excluding legal fees and expenses, litigation-related expense of \$4.5 million was recognized for the year ended June 30, 2021 (none in 2020). See Item 3 – “Legal Proceedings” section. For those matters for which a loss is reasonably possible and estimable, whether in excess of an accrued liability or where there is no accrued liability, the Company’s estimated range of possible loss is \$0 to \$52.5 million in excess of the accrued liability, if any, as of June 30, 2021. These estimates are based upon currently available information and are subject to significant judgment, a variety of assumptions and known and unknown uncertainties. The matters underlying the accrued liability and estimated range of possible losses are unpredictable and may change from time to time, and actual losses may vary significantly from the current estimate and accrual. The estimated range of possible loss does not represent the Company’s maximum loss exposure. These legal, regulatory, governmental and other proceedings, claims or investigations, costs, settlements, judgments, sanctions or other expenses could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows or cause significant reputational harm and subject us to face civil litigation, significant fines, damage awards or other material regulatory consequences.

The board of directors is responsible for establishing and monitoring our liquidity targets and strategies in order to ensure that sufficient liquidity exists for meeting the borrowing needs and deposit withdrawals of our customers as well as unanticipated contingencies. We believe that we had enough sources of liquidity to satisfy our short and long-term liquidity needs as of June 30, 2021.

While maturities and scheduled amortization of loans and securities are predictable sources of funds, deposit flows and loan prepayments are greatly influenced by general interest rates, economic conditions, and competition. 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 period. At June 30, 2021, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$325.0 million. Securities classified as available-for-sale, which provide additional sources of liquidity, totaled \$264.6 million at June 30, 2021.

We are committed to maintaining a strong liquidity position. We monitor our liquidity position on a daily basis. We anticipate that we will have sufficient funds to meet our current funding commitments. Certificates of deposit due within one year of June 30, 2021 totaled \$62.2 million, or 4.1%, of total deposits. If these deposits do not remain with us, we will be required to seek other sources of funds, including other deposits and Federal Home Loan Bank of New York advances. Depending on market conditions, we may be required to pay higher rates on such deposits or borrowings than we currently pay. We believe, however, based on past experience that a significant portion of such deposits will remain with us. We have the ability to attract and retain deposits by adjusting the interest rates offered.

Capital Resources. The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by NYSDFS and the FDIC. At June 30, 2021, we exceeded all applicable regulatory capital requirements, and were considered “well capitalized” under regulatory guidelines. See Note 16 in the Notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Aggregate Contractual Obligations

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements. 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. The financial instruments include commitments to originate loans, unused lines of credit and standby letters of credit, which involve elements of credit and interest rate risk in excess of the amount recognized in the consolidated balance sheets. Our exposure to credit loss is represented by the contractual amount of the instruments. We use the same credit policies in making commitments as we do for on-balance sheet instruments.

At June 30, 2021, we had \$209.1 million of commitments to originate loans, comprised of \$126.0 million of commitments under commercial loans and lines of credit (including \$16.1 million of unadvanced portions of commercial construction loans), \$54.5 million of commitments under home equity loans and lines of credit, \$20.4 million of commitments to purchase one- to four-family residential real estate loans and \$8.1 million of unfunded commitments under consumer lines of credit. In addition, at June 30, 2021, we had \$25.0 million in standby letters of credit outstanding. See Note 14 in the Notes to the consolidated financial statements for further information.

Contractual Obligations. In the ordinary course of our operations, we enter into certain contractual obligations. Such obligations include data processing services, operating leases for premises and equipment, agreements with respect to borrowed funds and deposit liabilities.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Please refer to Note 2 in the Notes to the consolidated financial statements that appear starting on page 82 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a description of recent accounting pronouncements that may affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Impact of Inflation and Changing Prices

The financial statements and related data presented herein have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which requires the measurement of financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars without considering changes in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. The primary impact of inflation on our operations is reflected in increased operating costs. Unlike most industrial companies, virtually all of the assets and liabilities of a financial institution are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates generally have a more significant impact on a financial institution's performance than inflation. Interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or to the same extent as the prices of goods and services.

ITEM 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Not applicable, as Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. is a "smaller reporting company."

ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and
Shareholders of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.
Albany, New York

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of condition of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of June 30, 2021, and 2020, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), changes in shareholders’ equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended June 30, 2021, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of June 30, 2021, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated September 28, 2021, expressed an unqualified opinion.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 2014.

/s/ Bonadio & Co., LLP
Syracuse, New York

September 28, 2021

PIONEER BANCORP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CONDITION

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 24,492	\$ 21,188
Federal funds sold	180	1,382
Interest-earning deposits with banks	300,291	134,333
Cash and cash equivalents	324,963	156,903
Securities available for sale, at fair value	264,602	75,768
Securities held to maturity (fair value of \$10,919 at June 30, 2021; and \$6,917 at June 30, 2020)	10,878	6,822
Equity securities, at fair value	2,879	8,533
Federal Home Loan Bank of New York stock	1,215	1,010
Net loans receivable	1,081,799	1,148,399
Accrued interest receivable	4,046	3,467
Premises and equipment, net	38,918	40,863
Bank-owned life insurance	17,212	17,240
Goodwill	7,292	7,292
Other intangible assets, net	1,843	2,159
Other assets	40,605	57,956
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,796,252</u>	<u>\$ 1,526,412</u>
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Deposits:		
Non-interest bearing deposits	\$ 504,888	\$ 437,536
Interest bearing deposits	1,026,008	832,614
Total deposits	1,530,896	1,270,150
Mortgagors' escrow deposits	5,811	6,044
Other liabilities	21,723	26,252
Total liabilities	<u>1,558,430</u>	<u>1,302,446</u>
Shareholders' Equity		
Preferred stock (\$0.01 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or outstanding as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020)	—	—
Common stock (\$0.01 par value, 75,000,000 shares authorized, 25,977,679 shares issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020)	260	260
Additional paid in capital	113,815	113,963
Retained earnings	140,811	139,734
Unallocated common stock of Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP")	(11,939)	(12,621)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(5,125)	(17,370)
Total shareholders' equity	<u>237,822</u>	<u>223,966</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 1,796,252</u>	<u>\$ 1,526,412</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

PIONEER BANCORP, INC.**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)**

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Interest and dividend income:		
Loans	\$ 42,394	\$ 49,510
Securities	1,218	2,108
Interest-earning deposits with banks and other	315	1,901
Total interest and dividend income	<u>43,927</u>	<u>53,519</u>
Interest expense:		
Deposits	2,026	4,607
Borrowings and other	84	124
Total interest expense	<u>2,110</u>	<u>4,731</u>
Net interest income	41,817	48,788
Provision for loan losses	4,050	6,790
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	<u>37,767</u>	<u>41,998</u>
Noninterest income:		
Bank fees and service charges	6,569	8,473
Insurance and wealth management services	6,813	6,477
Net gain (loss) on equity securities	1,820	(125)
Net gain on securities transactions	—	138
Net gain (loss) on disposal of assets	12	(28)
Bank-owned life insurance	(28)	548
Other	564	199
Total noninterest income	<u>15,750</u>	<u>15,682</u>
Noninterest expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits	26,333	24,982
Net occupancy and equipment	6,478	6,140
Data processing	3,689	3,232
Advertising and marketing	618	678
FDIC insurance premiums	1,017	118
Professional fees	3,666	3,759
Litigation-related expenses	4,500	—
Fraudulent activity	—	2,500
Contribution to Pioneer Bank Charitable Foundation	—	5,446
Other	4,556	4,830
Total noninterest expense	<u>50,857</u>	<u>51,685</u>
Income before income taxes	2,660	5,995
Income tax expense	1,583	797
Net income	<u>\$ 1,077</u>	<u>\$ 5,198</u>
Net earnings per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.21
Diluted	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.21
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic and diluted	<u>25,067,550</u>	<u>25,013,452</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

PIONEER BANCORP, INC.**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)****(dollars in thousands)**

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Net income	\$ 1,077	\$ 5,198
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Unrealized gains/losses on securities:		
Unrealized holding (losses) gains arising during the period	(292)	39
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income	—	(138)
	(292)	(99)
Tax benefit	(76)	(25)
	(216)	(74)
Defined benefit plan:		
Change in funded status of defined benefit plans	15,172	(9,623)
Reclassification adjustment for amortization of net actuarial loss	1,698	1,080
	16,870	(8,543)
Tax effect	4,409	(2,234)
	12,461	(6,309)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	12,245	(6,383)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 13,322	\$ (1,185)

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

PIONEER BANCORP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(dollars in thousands, except share amounts)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Unallocated Common Stock of ESOP	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Shareholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Balance as of July 1, 2019	—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 134,361	\$ —	\$ (11,103)	\$ 123,258
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle - revenue recognition (1)	—	—	—	291	—	—	291
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle - equity securities (2)	—	—	—	(116)	—	116	—
Net income	—	—	—	5,198	—	—	5,198
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	(6,383)	(6,383)
Issuance of common stock to the mutual holding company	14,287,723	143	—	—	—	—	143
Issuance of common stock for the initial public offering, net of offering costs	11,170,402	112	108,800	—	—	—	108,912
Issuance of common stock to the Pioneer Bank Charitable Foundation	519,554	5	5,191	—	—	—	5,196
Purchase of common stock by the ESOP (1,018,325 shares)	—	—	—	—	(13,644)	—	(13,644)
ESOP shares committed to be released (76,374 shares)	—	—	(28)	—	1,023	—	995
Balance as of June 30, 2020	<u>25,977,679</u>	<u>\$ 260</u>	<u>\$ 113,963</u>	<u>\$ 139,734</u>	<u>\$ (12,621)</u>	<u>\$ (17,370)</u>	<u>\$ 223,966</u>
Net income	—	—	—	1,077	—	—	1,077
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	12,245	12,245
ESOP shares committed to be released (50,916 shares)	—	—	(148)	—	682	—	534
Balance as of June 30, 2021	<u>25,977,679</u>	<u>\$ 260</u>	<u>\$ 113,815</u>	<u>\$ 140,811</u>	<u>\$ (11,939)</u>	<u>\$ (5,125)</u>	<u>\$ 237,822</u>

(1) Adoption of Accounting Standard Update 2014-09.

(2) Adoption of Accounting Standard Update 2016-01.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

PIONEER BANCORP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(dollars in thousands)

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 1,077	\$ 5,198
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,857	2,906
Provision for loan losses	4,050	6,790
Net amortization (accretion) on securities	763	(329)
ESOP compensation	534	995
Loss (earnings) on bank-owned life insurance	28	(548)
Net gain on sale of loans	(27)	—
Proceeds from sale of loans	317	—
Net (gain) loss on the sale, disposal or write-down of premises and equipment, and other real estate owned	(12)	28
Net (gain) loss on equity securities	(1,820)	125
Net gain on available for sale securities transactions	—	(138)
Deferred tax benefit	(1,202)	(3,492)
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable	(579)	907
Stock contribution to Pioneer Bank Charitable Foundation	—	5,196
Decrease (increase) in other assets	20,592	(24,059)
Increase in other liabilities	6,075	8,446
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>32,653</u>	<u>2,025</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from maturities, paydowns and calls of securities available for sale	56,543	80,875
Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale	—	5,030
Purchases of securities available for sale	(246,432)	(74,610)
Proceeds from maturities and paydowns of securities held to maturity	4,321	3,763
Purchases of securities held to maturity	(8,377)	(6,712)
Proceeds from sale of equity securities	7,474	—
Net purchases of FHLB NY stock	(205)	(86)
Net decrease (increase) in loans receivable	62,001	(117,311)
Purchases of premises and equipment	(596)	(1,703)
Proceeds from sale of premises and equipment, and other real estate owned	165	138
Proceeds from bank-owned life insurance death benefit	—	1,142
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(125,106)</u>	<u>(109,474)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net increase (decrease) in deposits	260,746	(61,168)
Net decrease in mortgagors' escrow deposits	(233)	—
Issuance of common stock	—	109,055
Purchase of shares by the ESOP	—	(13,644)
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>260,513</u>	<u>34,243</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	168,060	(73,206)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	156,903	230,109
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 324,963</u>	<u>\$ 156,903</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 2,122	\$ 4,714
Income taxes	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,800
Non-cash investing and financing activity:		
Loans transferred to other real estate owned	\$ 258	\$ 260

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

PIONEER BANCORP, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Nature of Operations

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) is a mid-tier stock holding company whose wholly owned subsidiary is Pioneer Bank (the “Bank”). The Bank is a New York State chartered savings bank whose wholly owned subsidiaries are Pioneer Commercial Bank, Anchor Agency, Inc. and Pioneer Financial Services, Inc.

The Company provides diversified financial services through the Bank and its subsidiaries, with 22 offices in the Capital Region of New York State. The Company, through its subsidiaries, offers a broad array of deposit, lending, and other financial services to individuals, businesses, and municipalities. There are no significant concentrations of loans to any one customer or industry. However, the customers’ ability to repay their loans is dependent on the real estate and general economic conditions in the Bank’s market area.

Mutual Holding Company Reorganization and Minority Stock Issuance

On July 17, 2019, Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. became the holding company of the Bank when it closed its stock offering in connection with the completion of the reorganization of the Bank into the two-tier mutual holding company form of organization. The Company sold 11,170,402 shares of common stock at a price of \$10.00 per share, for net proceeds of \$109.1 million, issued 14,287,723 shares to Pioneer Bancorp, MHC and contributed 519,554 shares of common stock and \$250,000 in cash to the Pioneer Bank Charitable Foundation. The Company established an ESOP which owns 1,018,325 shares of common stock of the Company.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, the Bank, and the Bank’s wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ substantially from those estimates. The allowance for loan losses, valuation of securities and other financial instruments, the funded status and expense of employee benefit plans, legal proceedings and other contingent liabilities and the realizability of deferred tax assets are particularly subject to change.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the statement of condition date but before financial statements are issued. Recognized subsequent events are events or transactions that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the statement of condition, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing consolidated financial statements. Non-recognized subsequent events are events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the statement of condition but arose after that date.

Management has reviewed events occurring through the date the consolidated financial statements were issued and, when appropriate, recognized or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements or notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consists of cash and due from banks, federal funds sold with maturities less than three months, and interest-bearing deposits with banks. Net cash flows are reported for customer loan and deposit transactions, changes in mortgagor's escrow deposits, and short-term borrowings.

Securities Available for Sale, Securities Held to Maturity and Equity Securities

Management determines the appropriate classification of debt securities at the time of purchase. If management has the positive intent and ability to hold debt securities to maturity, they are classified as securities held to maturity and are stated at amortized cost. If debt securities are purchased for the purpose of selling them in the near term, they are classified as trading securities and are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reflected in current earnings. All other debt securities are classified as securities available for sale and reported at fair value, with net unrealized gains or losses reported, net of income taxes, in accumulated other comprehensive loss, a component of shareholders' equity. All marketable equity securities are reported at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized through net income in the consolidated statement of operations. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, and during the periods then ended, the Company did not hold any securities considered to be trading securities.

Gains or losses on the sale or call of securities are based on the net proceeds received and the amortized cost of the securities sold or called, using the specific identification method. Unrealized losses on securities which reflect a decline in value which is other-than-temporary are charged to income. The cost of securities is adjusted for amortization of premium and accretion of discount, which is calculated on an effective interest method over the period to the call date or over the terms of the securities, if there is no call date.

Management evaluates securities for other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI") at least on a quarterly basis, and more frequently when economic or market conditions warrant such an evaluation. In determining OTTI, management considers many factors, including: (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, (2) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, (3) whether the market decline was affected by macroeconomic conditions, and (4) whether the entity has the intent to sell the debt security or more likely than not will be required to sell the debt security before its anticipated recovery. The assessment of whether an other-than-temporary decline exists involves a high degree of subjectivity and judgment and is based on the information available to management at a point in time. In order to determine OTTI for mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations, the Company compares the present value of the remaining cash flows as estimated at the preceding evaluation date to the current expected remaining cash flows. OTTI is deemed to have occurred if there has been an adverse change in the remaining expected future cash flows.

When OTTI occurs, the amount of the OTTI recognized in earnings depends on whether an entity intends to sell the security or it is more likely than not it will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, less any current-period credit loss. If an entity intends to sell or it is more likely than not it will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis, less any current-period credit loss, the OTTI shall be recognized in earnings equal to the entire difference between the investment's amortized cost basis and its fair value at the balance sheet date. If an entity does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that the entity will be required to sell the security before recovery of its amortized cost basis less any current-period loss, the OTTI shall be separated into the amount representing the credit loss and the amount related to all other factors. The amount of the total OTTI related to the credit loss is determined based on the present value of cash flows expected to be collected and is recognized in earnings. The amount of the total OTTI related to other factors is recognized in other comprehensive income, net of applicable taxes. The previous amortized cost basis less the OTTI recognized in earnings becomes the new amortized cost basis of the investment.

Securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (“FHLBNY”) Stock

The Bank is a member of the FHLB system. Members are required to own a certain amount of stock based on the level of borrowings and other factors. FHLBNY stock is carried at cost, classified as a restricted security, and periodically evaluated for impairment based on ultimate recovery of par value. Both cash and stock dividends, if any, are reported as income.

Loans Held for Sale

Management determines the appropriate classification of mortgage loans at the time of commitment for new loan originations or, for convertible adjustable rate loans, at the time of conversion to a fixed interest rate. Mortgage loans held for sale are recorded at the lower of aggregate cost or fair value as determined by outstanding commitments from investors or fair value based upon recent sales for loans with no commitments. In order to limit the interest rate risk associated with loans held for sale, the Company may enter into various agreements to sell loans in the secondary mortgage market at fixed rates.

Gains and losses on the disposition of loans held for sale are determined based on the difference between the selling price and the carrying value of the loan sold plus the value of servicing rights, if retained.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020 the Company had no loans held for sale.

Net Loans Receivable

Loans receivable are reported at the principal amount outstanding, plus net deferred loan costs and net of the allowance for loan losses. Interest income accrues on the unpaid principal balance. Interest income on loans is not recognized when considered doubtful of collection by management (generally, when principal or interest payments are ninety days or more past due). Past due status is based on the contractual terms of the loan. In all cases, loans are placed on nonaccrual or charged-off at an earlier date if collection of principal or interest is considered doubtful. Nonaccrual loans and loans past due 90 days or more still on accrual include both smaller balance homogeneous loans that are collectively evaluated for impairment and individually evaluated impaired loans. A loan is moved to non-accrual status in accordance with the Company’s policy, typically after 90 days of non-payment.

All interest accrued but not received for loans placed on nonaccrual is reversed against interest income. Interest received on such loans is accounted for on a cost recovery method, until qualifying for return to accrual. Loans are returned to accrual status when all the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

Fees received from loan originations and certain direct origination costs are deferred and amortized into interest income to provide for a level-yield on the underlying loans without anticipating prepayments.

Allowance for Loan Losses

The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses. The allowance for loan losses is increased through charges to the provision for loan losses. Loans are charged against the allowance when management believes that the collectability of the principal is not probable. Recoveries on loans previously charged-off are credited to the allowance for loan losses when realized. The allowance is an amount that management believes is adequate for probable incurred losses on existing loans.

The allowance consists of specific and general components. The specific component relates to loans that are individually classified as impaired.

A loan is 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, and for which the borrower is experiencing financial difficulties, are considered troubled debt restructurings and classified as impaired.

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

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payment delays and payment shortfalls generally are not classified as impaired. Management determines the significance of payment delays and payment shortfalls on case-by-case basis, taking into consideration all of 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.

Commercial business, commercial real estate, commercial construction, and certain residential real estate loans are individually evaluated for impairment. If a loan is impaired, a portion of the allowance is allocated so that the loan is reported, net, at the present value of estimated future cash flows using the loan's existing rate or at the fair value of collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. Large groups of smaller balance homogeneous loans, such as consumer and residential real estate loans, are collectively evaluated for impairment, and accordingly, they are not separately identified for impairment disclosures unless classified as a troubled debt restructuring.

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

The general component covers non-impaired loans and is based on historical loss experience adjusted for current factors. The historical loss experience is determined by portfolio segment and is based on the actual loss history experienced by the Company over the most recent one, three, five or ten year periods, whichever is highest. This actual loss experience is supplemented with other economic factors based on the risks present for each portfolio segment. These economic factors include consideration of the following: levels of and trends in delinquencies and impaired loans; levels of and trends in charge-offs and recoveries; trends in volume and terms of loans; effects of any changes in risk selection and underwriting standards; other changes in lending policies, procedures, and practices; experience, ability, and depth of lending management and other relevant staff; national and local economic trends and conditions; industry conditions; and effects of changes in credit concentrations. The following portfolio segments have been identified: Commercial, Residential Mortgages, Home Equity Loans and Lines, and Consumer. Commercial loan classes include commercial and industrial, real estate, and construction.

The risk characteristics of each of the identified portfolio segments and classes are as follows:

Commercial – Commercial and industrial loans are commercial loans other than those secured by real estate. Commercial and industrial loans are generally of higher risk and typically are made on the basis of the borrower's ability to make repayment from the cash flow of the borrower's business. As a result, the availability of funds for the repayment of commercial loans may depend substantially on the success of the business itself. Furthermore, any collateral securing such loans may depreciate over time, may be difficult to appraise and may fluctuate in value. Commercial and industrial loans also include Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") loans which carry a 100% SBA guarantee if made to eligible borrowers.

Commercial real estate loans are secured by multi-family and nonresidential real estate and generally have larger balances and involve a greater degree of risk than residential real estate loans. Commercial real estate loans depend on the global cash flow analysis of the borrower and the net operating income of the property, the borrower's expertise, credit history and profitability, and the value of the underlying property. Of primary concern in commercial real estate lending is the borrower's creditworthiness and the cash flow from the property. Payments on loans secured by income properties often depend on successful operation and management of the properties. As a result, repayment of such loans may be subject, to a greater extent than residential real estate loans, to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. Commercial real estate is also subject to adverse market conditions that cause a decrease in market value or lease rates, obsolescence in location or function and market conditions associated with oversupply in a specific region.

Commercial construction financing is generally considered to involve a higher degree of risk of loss than long-term financing on improved, occupied real estate. Risk of loss on a construction loan depends largely upon the accuracy of the initial estimate of the property's value at completion of construction and the estimated cost of

construction. During the construction phase, a number of factors could result in delays and cost overruns. If the estimate of construction costs proves to be inaccurate, additional funds may be required to be advanced in excess of the amount originally committed to permit completion of the building. If the estimate of value proves to be inaccurate, the value of the building may be insufficient to assure full repayment if liquidation is required. If foreclosure is required on a building before or at completion due to a default, there can be no assurance that all of the unpaid balance of, and accrued interest on, the loan as well as related foreclosure and holding costs will be recovered.

Residential Mortgages— Residential mortgage loans are generally made on the basis of the borrower’s ability to make repayment from his or her employment or other income, and which are secured by real property whose value tends to be more easily ascertainable. Repayment of residential mortgage loans is subject to adverse employment conditions in the local economy leading to increased default rate and decreased market values from oversupply in a geographic area. In general, residential mortgage loans depend on the borrower’s continuing financial stability and, therefore, are likely to be adversely affected by various factors, including job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy. Furthermore, the application of various federal and state laws, including federal and state bankruptcy and insolvency laws, may limit the amount that can be recovered on such loans.

Home Equity Loans and Lines – Home equity loans secured by real estate may entail greater risk than first-lien residential mortgage loans due to a lower lien position. In general, repayment of home equity loans depend on the borrower’s continuing financial stability and, therefore, are likely to be adversely affected by various factors, including job loss, divorce, illness or personal bankruptcy. Furthermore, the application of various federal and state laws, including federal and state bankruptcy and insolvency laws, may limit the amount that can be recovered on such loans.

Consumer - Consumer loans, particularly unsecured loans and loans secured by assets that depreciate rapidly, such as motor vehicles, are subject to greater risk. In all cases, collateral for a defaulted consumer loan may not provide an adequate source of repayment for the outstanding loan and a small remaining deficiency often does not warrant further substantial collection efforts against the borrower.

Derivatives

In the normal course of business, the Company utilizes interest rate swaps with certain commercial borrowers and third-party counterparties. These transactions are accounted for as derivatives. The derivatives are entered into in connection with the Company’s asset and liability management activities and not for trading purposes.

The derivatives are not designated as hedges for accounting purposes and therefore all derivatives are recorded at fair value as derivative assets and derivative liabilities, included in other assets and other liabilities, respectively, in the consolidated statement of condition, with changes in fair value recognized as non-interest income in the consolidated statement of operations.

Premises and Equipment

Premises and equipment are carried at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets (39 years for buildings, 15 years for land improvements and 3 to 10 years for furniture, fixtures and equipment). Leasehold improvements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the term of the related leases or the estimated useful lives of the assets. Land is carried at cost.

Other Real Estate Owned

Other real estate owned (“OREO”) is initially recorded at fair value of the asset acquired less an estimate of the costs to sell, establishing a new cost basis. Fair value of OREO is generally determined through independent appraisals. At the time of foreclosure or when the Company obtains legal title to the property, the excess, if any, of the recorded investment in the loan over the fair value of the asset received is charged to the allowance for loan losses. Subsequent declines in the fair value of such assets, or increases in the estimated costs to sell the properties

and net operating expenses of such assets, are charged directly to other expenses. OREO is included in other assets in the consolidated statements of condition.

Bank-Owned Life Insurance

The Company is the beneficiary of a policy that insures the lives of certain current and former officers of the Company. The Company has recognized the cash surrender value, or the amount that can be realized under the insurance policy, as an asset in the consolidated statements of condition. Changes in the cash surrender value and insurance benefit payments are recorded in noninterest income.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The excess of the cost of acquired entities over the fair value of identifiable tangible and intangible assets acquired, less liabilities assumed, is recorded as goodwill. Goodwill is carried at its acquired value and is reviewed annually for impairment, or when events or changes in circumstances indicate that carrying amounts may be impaired.

Acquired identifiable intangible assets that have finite lives are amortized over their useful economic life. Customer relationship intangibles are generally amortized over fifteen years based upon the projected discounted cash flows of the accounts acquired. Core deposit premium related to the Company's assumption of certain deposit liabilities is being amortized over fifteen years. Acquired identifiable intangible assets that are amortized are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts may be impaired.

Advertising

The Company expenses costs associated with advertising as they are incurred.

Income Taxes

Income tax expense is the total of the current year income tax due or refundable and the change in deferred tax assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are the expected future tax amounts for the temporary differences between carrying amounts and tax basis of assets and liabilities, computed using enacted tax rates. A valuation allowance, if needed, reduces deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. The Company recognizes interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters in other expense.

A tax position is recognized as a benefit only if it is "more likely than not" that the tax position would be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized is the largest amount of tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely of being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the "more likely than not" test, no tax benefit is recorded.

Statutory Transfer of Surplus

A quarterly transfer of 10% of net income may be made to surplus in accordance with New York State Banking Regulations. No transfer is required if net worth as a percent of deposits exceeds 10% at the end of each quarter. In accordance with State of New York Banking Law, surplus is subject to certain restrictions, including a prohibition of its use for payment of dividends, except with the approval of the Department of Financial Services.

Financial Instruments

In the normal course of business, the Company is a party to certain financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk such as commitments to extend credit, unused lines of credit and standby letters of credit. The face amount for these items represents exposure to loss, before considering customer collateral, or ability to repay. The Company's policy is to record such instruments when funded.

Mortgage Servicing Rights

Mortgage servicing rights are recognized in other assets when loans are sold with servicing retained based on their estimated fair values. The cost allocated to the servicing right is capitalized as a separate asset and amortized in proportion to, and over the period of, estimated net servicing income. Capitalized mortgage servicing rights are assessed for impairment based on the fair value of those rights, and any impairment loss is recognized through a valuation allowance.

Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) represents the sum of net income and items of other comprehensive income or loss, which are reported directly in shareholders' equity, net of tax. Other comprehensive income or loss includes the unrealized gain or loss on securities available for sale and changes in the funded status of the Company's defined benefit pension and other post-retirement plans, net of tax.

Cash Reserve Requirement

The Company may be required to maintain certain reserves of cash and/or deposits with the Federal Reserve Bank. The Company had no reserve requirement at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Employee Benefits

The Company has a defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees hired before September 1, 2019. The benefits are developed from actuarial valuations and are based on the employee's years of service and compensation. Actuarial assumptions such as interest rates, expected return on plan assets, turnover, mortality and rates of future compensation increases have a significant impact on the costs, assets and liabilities of the plan. Pension expense is the net of service cost, interest cost, return on plan assets and amortization of gains and losses not immediately recognized.

The Company also provides post-retirement medical and life insurance benefits to certain employees and retirees. The cost of post-retirement benefits is recognized on an accrual basis as employees perform services. Effective October 1, 2006, the post-retirement medical portion of the plan was frozen. Accordingly, after that date there have been no new plan participants.

The Company maintains a defined contribution 401(k) plan covering substantially all employees meeting certain eligibility requirements. Employer 401(k) expense is the amount of matching contributions. Deferred compensation and supplemental retirement plan expense principally represents investment performance on the various plan assets.

The Company maintains an Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") covering substantially all employees meeting certain eligibility requirements. The cost of shares issued to the ESOP, but not yet allocated to participants, is shown as a reduction of shareholders' equity. Compensation expense is based on the market price of shares as they are committed to be released to participant accounts.

Reclassifications

Amounts in the prior year's consolidated financial statements are reclassified whenever necessary to conform to the current year's presentation.

Impact of Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-02 to its guidance on "Leases (Topic 842)". The new leases standard applies a right-of-use (ROU) model that requires a lessee to record, for all leases with a lease term of more than 12 months, an asset representing its right to use the underlying asset and a liability to make lease payments. For leases with a term of 12 months or less, a practical expedient is available whereby a lessee may elect, by class of underlying asset, not to recognize an ROU asset or lease liability. The new leases standard requires a lessor to classify leases as either sales-type, direct financing or operating, similar to existing GAAP. Classification depends on the same five criteria used by lessees plus certain additional factors. The subsequent accounting treatment for all three lease types is substantially equivalent to existing GAAP for sales-type leases, direct financing leases, and operating leases. However, the new standard updates certain aspects of the lessor accounting model to align it with the new lessee accounting model, as well as with the new revenue standard under Topic 606. Lessees and lessors are required to provide certain qualitative and quantitative disclosures to enable users of financial statements to assess the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The amendments in ASU 2016-02 are effective for the Company for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this ASU will result in a gross up of the Consolidated Statements of Condition for right-of-use assets and associated lease liabilities for operating leases in which the Company is the lessee. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-10, Codification

Improvements to Topic 842 - Leases to address certain narrow aspects of the guidance issued in ASU No. 2016-02. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-11, Leases (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements, which amends FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC), Leases (Topic 842), to (1) add an optional transition method that would permit entities to apply the new requirements by recognizing a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the year of adoption, and (2) provide a practical expedient for lessors regarding the separation of the lease and non-lease components of a contract. In December 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-20, Narrow-Scope Improvements for Lessors, which addresses issues related to (1) sales tax and similar taxes collected from lessees, (2) certain lessor costs, and (3) recognition of variable payments for contracts with lease and non-lease components. In June 2020, the FASB issued No. ASU 2020-05, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) in response to the pandemic which has adversely affected the global economy and caused significant and widespread business and capital market disruptions. The FASB is committed to supporting and assisting stakeholders during this difficult time. The FASB issued ASU 2020-05 as a limited deferral of the effective dates of certain ASUs, including ASU 2016-02 (including amendments issued after the issuance of the original) to provide immediate, near-term relief for certain entities for whom these ASUs are either currently effective or imminently effective. The Company plans to defer the adoption of the amendments in ASU 2016-02 to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. The Company is evaluating the significance and other effects of adoption on the consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. The Company is performing its accounting analysis of its branch building and other leases underlying contracts. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact on adoption of this ASU on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13 to its guidance on “Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments”. ASU 2016-13 requires credit losses on most financial assets measured at amortized cost and certain other instruments to be measured using an expected credit loss model (referred to as the current expected credit loss (CECL) model). Under this model, entities will estimate credit losses over the entire contractual term of the instrument (considering estimated prepayments, but not expected extensions or modifications unless reasonable expectation of a troubled debt restructuring exists) from the date of initial recognition of that instrument. The ASU also replaces the current accounting model for purchased credit impaired loans and debt securities. The allowance for credit losses for purchased financial assets with a more-than insignificant amount of credit deterioration since origination (“PCD assets”), should be determined in a similar manner to other financial assets measured on an amortized cost basis. However, upon initial recognition, the allowance for credit losses is added to the purchase price (“gross up approach”) to determine the initial amortized cost basis. The subsequent accounting for PCD financial assets is the same expected loss model described above. Further, the ASU made certain targeted amendments to the existing impairment model for available-for-sale (AFS) debt securities. For an AFS debt security for which there is neither the intent nor a more-likely-than-not requirement to sell, an entity will record credit losses as an allowance rather than a write-down of the amortized cost basis. The amendments in this ASU are effective for the Company for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. An entity will apply the amendments in this ASU through a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period in which the guidance is effective (that is, a modified-retrospective approach). In November 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-19, Codification Improvements to Topic 326, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses, which aligns the implementation date for nonpublic entities’ annual financial statements with the implementation date for their interim financial statements and clarifies the scope of the guidance in the amendments in ASU 2016-13. In April 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-04, Codification Improvements to Topic 326, Financial Instruments-Credit Losses, Topic 815, Derivatives and Hedging, and Topic 825, Financial Instruments. ASU 2019-04 clarifies or addresses stakeholders’ specific issues about certain aspects of the amendments in Update 2016-13 related to measuring the allowance for loan losses under the new guidance. The effective dates and transition requirements for the amendments related to this Update are the same as the effective dates and transition requirements in Update 2016-13. In November 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-11, Codification Improvements to Topic 326, Financial Instruments Credit Losses clarifying certain amendments to various provisions of ASU No. 2016-13 relating to (1) purchased financial assets with credit deterioration, (2) financial assets secured by collateral maintenance agreements, (3) transition relief for troubled debt restructurings, and (4) disclosure relief when the practical expedient for accrued interest receivables is applied. The initial adjustment will not be reported in earnings and therefore will not have any material impact on our consolidated results of operations, but it is expected that it will have an impact on our consolidated financial position at the date of adoption of this ASU. At this time, we have not calculated the estimated impact that this ASU will have on our allowance for loan losses, however, we anticipate

it will have a significant impact on the methodology process we utilize to calculate the allowance. Alternative methodologies are currently being considered. Data requirements and integrity are being reviewed and enhancements incorporated into standard processes. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact on adoption of this ASU on our consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB has issued ASU 2018-14, “Compensation—Retirement Benefits—Defined Benefit Plans—General (Subtopic 715-20): Disclosure Framework—Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Defined Benefit Plans”, that applies to all employers that sponsor defined benefit pension or other postretirement plans. The amendments modify the disclosure requirements for employers that sponsor defined benefit pension or other postretirement plans. Disclosure requirements, including but not limited to, the following were removed from Subtopic 715-20: the amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income expected to be recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost over the next fiscal year; the amount and timing of plan assets expected to be returned to the employer and for public entities, the effects of a one-percentage-point change in assumed health care cost trend rates on the (a) aggregate of the service and interest cost components of net periodic benefit costs and (b) benefit obligation for postretirement health care benefits. The following disclosure requirements were added to Subtopic 715-20: (1) the weighted-average interest crediting rates for cash balance plans and other plans with promised interest crediting rates; and (2) an explanation of the reasons for significant gains and losses related to changes in the benefit obligation for the period. The amendments also clarify the disclosure requirements in paragraph 715-20-50-3, which state that the following information for defined benefit pension plans should be disclosed: (1) the projected benefit obligation (PBO) and fair value of plan assets for plans with PBOs in excess of plan assets; and (2) the accumulated benefit obligation (ABO) and fair value of plan assets for plans with ABOs in excess of plan assets. The amendments in this ASU are effective for the Company for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, Income Taxes Topic 740. This update simplifies and improves accounting for income taxes by eliminating certain exceptions to the general rules and clarifying or amending other current guidance. The scope of FASB ASC Subtopic 740-10, Income Taxes -Overall, has been amended to require that, if a franchise (or similar tax) is partially based on income, (1) deferred tax assets and liabilities should be recognized and accounted for pursuant to FASB ASC 740, as should the amount of current tax expense that is based on income, and (2) any incremental amount incurred should be recorded as a non-income-based tax. Note that under the amended guidance, the effect of potentially paying a non-income-based tax in future years need not be considered in evaluating the realizability of deferred tax assets. The amendments in this ASU are effective for the Company for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. If early adoption is elected, all of the amended guidance must be adopted in the same period. If early adoption is initially applied in an interim period, any adjustments should be reflected as of the beginning of the annual period that includes that interim period. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact on adoption of this ASU on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-04, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848). The amendments in this update provide optional expedients and exceptions for applying GAAP to contracts, hedging relationships, and other transactions affected by reference rate reform if certain criteria are met. The amendments in this update apply only to contracts, hedging relationships, and other transactions that reference LIBOR or another reference rate expected to be discontinued because of reference rate reform. The amendments (1) apply to contract modifications that replace a reference rate affected by reference rate reform, (2) provide exceptions to existing guidance related to changes to the critical terms of a hedging relationship due to reference rate reform (3) provide optional expedients for fair value hedging relationships, cash flow hedging relationships, and net investment hedging relationships, and (4) provide a onetime election to sell, transfer, or both sell and transfer debt securities classified as held to maturity that reference a rate affected by reference rate reform and that are classified as held to maturity before January 1, 2020. The amendments in this ASU are effective for all entities as of March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022. The amendments for contract modifications can be elected to be applied 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. The amendments for existing hedging relationships can be elected to be applied as of the beginning of the interim period that includes March 12, 2020 and to new eligible

hedging relationships entered into after the beginning of the interim period that includes March 12, 2020. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact on adoption of this guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

3. COVID-19

The direct and indirect effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in dramatic reductions in the level of economic activity in the Company's market area, as well as in the national and global economies and financial markets and have severely hampered the ability for certain businesses and consumers to meet their current repayment obligations.

In response to the pandemic, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), in addition to providing financial assistance to both businesses and consumers, creates a forbearance program for federally-backed mortgage loans, protects borrowers from negative credit reporting due to loan accommodations related to the national emergency, and provides financial institutions the option to temporarily suspend certain requirements under GAAP related to troubled debt restructurings for a limited period of time to account for the effects of COVID-19. The Federal and New York State banking regulatory agencies have likewise issued guidance encouraging financial institutions to work prudently with borrowers who are, or may be, unable to meet their contractual payment obligations because of the effects of COVID-19. That guidance, with concurrence of the FASB, and provisions of the CARES Act allow modifications made on a good faith basis in response to COVID-19 to borrowers who were generally current with their payments prior to any relief, to not be treated as troubled debt restructurings. Modifications may include payment deferrals, fee waivers, extensions of repayment term, or other delays in payment. The Company has worked with its customers affected by COVID-19 and accommodated a significant amount of modifications across its loan portfolios. To the extent that such modifications meet the criteria previously described, such modifications are not classified as troubled debt restructurings. Subsequent legislation extended the time period for which such modifications will not be considered troubled debt restructurings to the earlier of (i) January 1, 2022 or (ii) 60 days after the end of the COVID-19 national emergency.

The extent to which the direct and indirect effects of the COVID-19 pandemic impact the Company's operational and financial performance will depend on numerous evolving factors including but not limited to, the magnitude and duration of COVID-19, the extent to which it will impact local, national and global economic conditions including interest rates, unemployment rates, the speed of the anticipated recovery, and governmental and business reactions to the pandemic, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted. At this point, the extent to which COVID-19, as well as, the resulting adverse effects on our customers and community, may impact the Company's future financial condition or results of operations is uncertain and not currently estimable, however the impact could be material.

4. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

The amortized cost and estimated fair value of securities are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
Securities available for sale:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$ 216,155	\$ 121	\$ (235)	\$ 216,041
Municipal obligations	47,800	6	(9)	47,797
Other debt securities	424	385	(45)	764
Total available for sale securities	<u>\$ 264,379</u>	<u>\$ 512</u>	<u>\$ (289)</u>	<u>\$ 264,602</u>
Securities held to maturity:				
Municipal obligations	\$ 3,878	\$ 61	\$ —	\$ 3,939
Corporate debt securities	7,000	—	(20)	6,980
Total held to maturity securities	<u>\$ 10,878</u>	<u>\$ 61</u>	<u>\$ (20)</u>	<u>\$ 10,919</u>
Equity securities:				
Common stock	\$ 1,463	\$ 1,416	\$ —	\$ 2,879
Total equity securities	<u>\$ 1,463</u>	<u>\$ 1,416</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,879</u>
	June 30, 2020			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value
Securities available for sale:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$ 61,299	\$ 215	\$ (3)	\$ 61,511
Municipal obligations	13,381	6	(2)	13,385
Other debt securities	573	347	(48)	872
Total available for sale securities	<u>\$ 75,253</u>	<u>\$ 568</u>	<u>\$ (53)</u>	<u>\$ 75,768</u>
Securities held to maturity:				
Municipal obligations	\$ 4,822	\$ 95	\$ —	\$ 4,917
Corporate debt securities	2,000	—	—	2,000
Total held to maturity securities	<u>\$ 6,822</u>	<u>\$ 95</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 6,917</u>
Equity securities:				
Preferred stock	\$ 6,007	\$ 29	\$ (980)	\$ 5,056
Common stock	2,807	1,204	(534)	3,477
Total equity securities	<u>\$ 8,814</u>	<u>\$ 1,233</u>	<u>\$ (1,514)</u>	<u>\$ 8,533</u>

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The estimated fair value and gross unrealized losses aggregated by security category and length of time such securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, is summarized as follows (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021					
	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Securities available for sale:						
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$ 85,518	\$ (235)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 85,518	\$ (235)
Municipal obligations	21,484	(9)	—	—	21,484	(9)
Other debt securities	9	(1)	165	(44)	174	(45)
	<u>\$ 107,011</u>	<u>\$ (245)</u>	<u>\$ 165</u>	<u>\$ (44)</u>	<u>\$ 107,176</u>	<u>\$ (289)</u>
Securities held to maturity:						
Corporate debt securities	\$ 6,980	\$ (20)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6,980	\$ (20)
	<u>\$ 6,980</u>	<u>\$ (20)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 6,980</u>	<u>\$ (20)</u>

	June 30, 2020					
	Less than 12 Months		12 Months or Longer		Total	
	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Securities available for sale:						
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$ 10,195	\$ (3)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10,195	\$ (3)
Municipal obligations	3,609	(2)	—	—	3,609	(2)
Other debt securities	59	(2)	143	(46)	202	(48)
	<u>\$ 13,863</u>	<u>\$ (7)</u>	<u>\$ 143</u>	<u>\$ (46)</u>	<u>\$ 14,006</u>	<u>\$ (53)</u>

The above tables represent securities at June 30, 2021 and 2020, where the current fair value is less than the related amortized cost. There were 69 and 58 securities with unrealized losses at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Unrealized losses on debt securities are primarily related to increases in credit spreads since the securities were purchased. Unrealized losses on other debt securities (agency-backed and certain private-label mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligation securities) are not considered other than temporary based upon analysis completed by management considering credit rating of the instrument, length of time each security has spent in an unrealized loss position and the strength of the underlying collateral.

During the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, management reviewed all private-label mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and collateralized mortgage obligations which were rated less than investment grade for impairment, resulting in no additional impairment charges in fiscal 2021 and 2020. In fiscal 2021, 55 securities with an amortized cost of \$0.3 million and remaining par value of \$1.7 million were evaluated. In fiscal 2020, 55 securities with an amortized cost of \$0.4 million and remaining par value of \$1.8 million were evaluated.

The table below presents a rollforward of the credit losses recognized in earnings (dollars in thousands):

Balance, July 1, 2019	\$ 1,477
Reductions for amounts realized for securities transactions	(263)
Balance, June 30, 2020	1,214
Reductions for amounts realized for securities transactions	—
Balance, June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 1,214</u>

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The fair value of debt securities and carrying amount, if different, by contractual maturity were as follows (dollars in thousands). Securities not due at a single maturity date are shown separately.

	June 30, 2021	
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
Securities available for sale:		
Due in one year or less	\$ 89,988	\$ 90,005
Due after one to five years	158,424	158,291
Due after five to ten years	15,543	15,542
Other debt securities	424	764
	<u>\$ 264,379</u>	<u>\$ 264,602</u>
Securities held to maturity:		
Due in one year or less	\$ 2,922	\$ 2,983
Due after one to five years	861	861
Due after five to ten years	7,095	7,075
	<u>\$ 10,878</u>	<u>\$ 10,919</u>
June 30, 2020		
	Amortized Cost	Estimated Fair Value
Securities available for sale:		
Due in one year or less	\$ 56,397	\$ 56,613
Due after one to five years	18,283	18,283
Other debt securities	573	872
	<u>\$ 75,253</u>	<u>\$ 75,768</u>
Securities held to maturity:		
Due in one year or less	\$ 3,636	\$ 3,731
Due after one to five years	1,076	1,076
Due after five to ten years	2,110	2,110
	<u>\$ 6,822</u>	<u>\$ 6,917</u>

There were no sales of securities available for sale for the year ended June 30, 2021. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the Company received \$5.0 million in proceeds from the sale of securities available for sale, realizing gross gains of \$83,000. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the Company realized gross gains of \$58,000 from other securities transactions.

During the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, there were no sales of securities held to maturity.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, there were no holdings of securities of any one issuer, other than the U.S. Government and its agencies, in an amount greater than 10% of our equity. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the carrying value of available for sale securities pledged to secure FHLBNY advances and municipal deposits was \$252.8 million and \$65.0 million, respectively.

5. NET LOANS RECEIVABLE

A summary of net loans receivable is as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>
Commercial:		
Real estate	\$ 490,115	\$ 450,452
Commercial and industrial (1)	167,912	237,223
Construction	64,914	91,805
Total commercial	<u>722,941</u>	<u>779,480</u>
Residential mortgages	279,508	279,960
Home equity loans and lines	75,469	80,345
Consumer	25,568	30,860
	<u>1,103,486</u>	<u>1,170,645</u>
Net deferred loan costs	1,572	605
Allowance for loan losses	<u>(23,259)</u>	<u>(22,851)</u>
Net loans receivable	<u>\$ 1,081,799</u>	<u>\$ 1,148,399</u>

- (1) Commercial and industrial loans included PPP loans of \$51.5 million and \$74.0 million as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The following table presents the activity in the allowance for loan losses by portfolio segment (dollars in thousands):

	<u>For the Year Ended June 30, 2021</u>				
	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Residential Mortgages</u>	<u>Home Equity</u>	<u>Consumer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Allowance for loan losses at beginning of period	\$ 17,570	\$ 3,484	\$ 1,303	\$ 494	\$ 22,851
Provisions charged to operations	3,774	29	114	133	4,050
Loans charged off	(3,175)	(289)	(142)	(237)	(3,843)
Recoveries on loans charged off	131	—	20	50	201
Allowance for loan losses at end of period	<u>\$ 18,300</u>	<u>\$ 3,224</u>	<u>\$ 1,295</u>	<u>\$ 440</u>	<u>\$ 23,259</u>

	<u>For the Year Ended June 30, 2020</u>				
	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Residential Mortgages</u>	<u>Home Equity</u>	<u>Consumer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Allowance for loan losses at beginning of period	\$ 11,057	\$ 2,360	\$ 813	\$ 269	\$ 14,499
Provisions charged to operations	4,811	1,143	489	347	6,790
Loans charged off	(5)	(19)	—	(162)	(186)
Recoveries on loans charged off (1)	1,707	—	1	40	1,748
Allowance for loan losses at end of period	<u>\$ 17,570</u>	<u>\$ 3,484</u>	<u>\$ 1,303</u>	<u>\$ 494</u>	<u>\$ 22,851</u>

- (1) The year ended June 30, 2020 included a partial recovery in the amount of \$1.7 million related to the charge-off of the Mann Entities commercial loan relationships which was recognized in the third fiscal quarter of 2020.

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The following table presents the balance in the allowance for loan losses and the recorded investment in loans by portfolio segment and based on impairment method (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021				
	Commercial	Residential Mortgages	Home Equity	Consumer	Total
Allowance for loan losses:					
Related to loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 1,035	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,035
Related to loans collectively evaluated for impairment	17,265	3,224	1,295	440	22,224
Ending balance	<u>\$ 18,300</u>	<u>\$ 3,224</u>	<u>\$ 1,295</u>	<u>\$ 440</u>	<u>\$ 23,259</u>
Loans:					
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 14,136	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 14,136
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	708,805	279,508	75,469	25,568	1,089,350
Ending balance	<u>\$ 722,941</u>	<u>\$ 279,508</u>	<u>\$ 75,469</u>	<u>\$ 25,568</u>	<u>\$ 1,103,486</u>
	June 30, 2020				
	Commercial	Residential Mortgages	Home Equity	Consumer	Total
Allowance for loan losses:					
Related to loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 929	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 929
Related to loans collectively evaluated for impairment	16,641	3,484	1,303	494	21,922
Ending balance	<u>\$ 17,570</u>	<u>\$ 3,484</u>	<u>\$ 1,303</u>	<u>\$ 494</u>	<u>\$ 22,851</u>
Loans:					
Individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 8,407	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 8,407
Loans collectively evaluated for impairment	771,073	279,960	80,345	30,860	1,162,238
Ending balance	<u>\$ 779,480</u>	<u>\$ 279,960</u>	<u>\$ 80,345</u>	<u>\$ 30,860</u>	<u>\$ 1,170,645</u>

The following table presents information related to impaired loans by class (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021			For the Year Ended June 30, 2021	
	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance for Loan Losses Allocated	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized
With no related allowance recorded:					
Commercial:					
Real estate	\$ 9,351	\$ 9,248	\$ —	\$ 9,219	\$ 99
Commercial and industrial	253	249	—	274	—
Construction	1,340	550	—	1,002	—
Subtotal	<u>10,944</u>	<u>10,047</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>10,495</u>	<u>99</u>
With an allowance recorded:					
Commercial:					
Real estate	3,671	3,479	464	3,568	—
Commercial and industrial	1,464	610	571	1,118	24
Construction	—	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	<u>5,135</u>	<u>4,089</u>	<u>1,035</u>	<u>4,686</u>	<u>24</u>
Total	<u>\$ 16,079</u>	<u>\$ 14,136</u>	<u>\$ 1,035</u>	<u>\$ 15,181</u>	<u>\$ 123</u>

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	June 30, 2020			For the Year Ended June 30, 2020	
	Unpaid Principal Balance	Recorded Investment	Allowance for Loan Losses Allocated	Average Recorded Investment	Interest Income Recognized
With no related allowance recorded:					
Commercial:					
Real estate	\$ 5,417	\$ 5,342	\$ —	\$ 5,203	\$ 265
Commercial and industrial	46	42	—	46	—
Construction	1,319	1,319	—	1,320	—
Subtotal	6,782	6,703	—	6,569	265
With an allowance recorded:					
Commercial:					
Real estate	233	221	25	234	—
Commercial and industrial	1,494	1,483	904	1,513	88
Subtotal	1,727	1,704	929	1,747	88
Total	\$ 8,509	\$ 8,407	\$ 929	\$ 8,316	\$ 353

Interest income on nonaccrual loans is recognized using the cost recovery method. Interest income on impaired loans that were on nonaccrual status and cash-basis interest income for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was nominal.

The recorded investment in loans excludes accrued interest receivable and deferred loan fees, net due to immateriality.

At various times, certain loan modifications are executed which are considered to be troubled debt restructurings. Substantially all of these modifications include one or a combination of the following: extension of the maturity date at a stated rate of interest lower than the current market rate for new debt with similar risk; temporary reduction in the interest rate; change in scheduled payment amount including interest only; or extensions of additional credit for payment of delinquent real estate taxes or other costs.

The Company has implemented customer payment deferral programs to assist both consumer and commercial borrowers that may be experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 related challenges, whereby short-term deferrals of payments (generally three to six months) will be provided. Commercial, residential mortgage, home equity loans and lines, and consumer loans in deferment status will continue to accrue interest on the deferred principal during the deferment period unless otherwise classified as nonaccrual. Consistent with industry regulatory guidance, borrowers that were otherwise current on loan payments that were granted COVID-19 related financial hardship payment deferrals will continue to be reported as current loans throughout the agreed upon deferral period and therefore, not classified as troubled-debt restructured loans. Borrowers that are delinquent in their payments prior to requesting a COVID-19 related financial hardship payment deferral will be reviewed on a case by case basis for troubled debt restructure classification and non-performing loan status. At June 30, 2021, the Company granted payment deferral requests for consumer borrowers related to nine loans representing \$1.4 million of the Company's residential mortgage, home equity loans and lines of credit, and consumer loan balances, and for commercial borrowers related to four loans representing \$16.3 million of the Company's commercial loan balances. As of June 30, 2021, consumer loan deferrals included three loans totaling \$757,000 on non-accrual status and classified as substandard and six loans totaling \$700,000 accruing interest and not classified assets. As of June 30, 2021, commercial loan deferrals included two loans totaling \$9.6 million on non-accrual status which were classified as substandard and two loans totaling \$6.6 million accruing interest, of which \$1.6 million was classified at special mention and \$5.0 million was not a classified asset.

There were no loans modified as troubled debt restructurings during the year ended June 30, 2021.

During the year ended June 30, 2020, certain loan modifications were executed which were considered to be troubled debt restructurings.

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The following table summarizes troubled debt restructurings by loan classification that occurred during the year ended June 30, 2020 (dollars in thousands):

	Number of Contracts	Pre-modification Outstanding Recorded Investments	Post-modification Outstanding Recorded Investments
Commercial	1	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200

The modification included an extension of the maturity date at a stated rate of interest lower than the current market rate for new debt with similar risk.

Loans subject to a troubled debt restructuring are evaluated as impaired loans for the purpose of determining the specific component of allowance for loan losses.

The following table presents the recorded investment in nonaccrual and loans past due over 90 days still on accrual by class of loans (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021		June 30, 2020	
	Nonaccrual	Past Due 90 Days Still on Accrual	Nonaccrual	Past Due 90 Days Still on Accrual
Commercial:				
Real estate	\$ 10,527	\$ 1,476	\$ 3,364	\$ 143
Commercial and industrial	465	1,525	95	1,455
Construction	550	145	1,319	—
Residential mortgages	4,993	—	4,807	—
Home equity loans and lines	2,043	—	1,865	—
Consumer	187	15	210	12
	<u>\$ 18,765</u>	<u>\$ 3,161</u>	<u>\$ 11,660</u>	<u>\$ 1,610</u>

Nonaccrual loans and loans past due 90 days still on accrual include both smaller balance homogeneous loans that are collectively evaluated for impairment and individually evaluated impaired loans.

The following table presents the aging of the recorded investment in loans by class of loans (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021					
	30 - 59 Days Past Due	60 - 89 Days Past Due	90 or more Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Loans Not Past Due	Total
Commercial:						
Real estate	\$ 5	\$ 5,002	\$ 5,738	\$ 10,745	\$ 479,370	\$ 490,115
Commercial and industrial	—	318	1,970	2,288	165,624	167,912
Construction	—	—	695	695	64,219	64,914
Residential mortgages	673	1,345	2,049	4,067	275,441	279,508
Home equity loans and lines	193	97	1,233	1,523	73,946	75,469
Consumer	2	—	202	204	25,364	25,568
Total	<u>\$ 873</u>	<u>\$ 6,762</u>	<u>\$ 11,887</u>	<u>\$ 19,522</u>	<u>\$ 1,083,964</u>	<u>\$ 1,103,486</u>

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	June 30, 2020					
	30 - 59 Days Past Due	60 - 89 Days Past Due	90 or more Days Past Due	Total Past Due	Loans Not Past Due	Total
Commercial:						
Real estate	\$ 23	\$ 211	\$ 2,270	\$ 2,504	\$ 447,948	\$ 450,452
Commercial and industrial	—	26	1,551	1,577	235,646	237,223
Construction	—	—	1,319	1,319	90,486	91,805
Residential mortgages	2,666	1,272	3,505	7,443	272,517	279,960
Home equity loans and lines	1,217	1,259	1,383	3,859	76,486	80,345
Consumer	39	4	12	55	30,805	30,860
Total	\$ 3,945	\$ 2,772	\$ 10,040	\$ 16,757	\$ 1,153,888	\$ 1,170,645

The Company categorizes commercial loans into risk categories based on relevant information about the ability of borrowers to service their debt such as: current financial information, historical payment experience, credit documentation, public information, and current economic trends, among other factors. The Company analyzes commercial loans individually by classifying the loans as to credit risk. The Company uses the following definitions for risk ratings:

Special Mention – Loans classified as special mention have a potential weakness that deserves management’s close attention. If left uncorrected, these potential weaknesses may result in deterioration of the repayment prospects for the loan or of the institution’s credit position at some future date.

Substandard – Loans classified as substandard are inadequately protected by the current net worth and paying capacity of the obligor or of the collateral pledged, if any. Loans so classified have a well-defined weakness or weaknesses that jeopardize the liquidation of the debt. They are characterized by the distinct possibility that the institution will sustain some loss if the deficiencies are not corrected.

Doubtful – Loans classified as doubtful have all the weaknesses inherent in those classified as substandard, with the added characteristic that the weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of currently existing facts, conditions, and values, highly questionable and improbable.

Commercial loans not meeting the criteria above are considered to be pass rated loans.

The following table presents commercial loans summarized by class of loans and the risk category (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021				
	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Total
Commercial					
Real estate	\$ 440,209	\$ 25,588	\$ 21,698	\$ 2,620	\$ 490,115
Commercial and industrial	149,909	9,272	8,308	423	167,912
Construction	63,747	—	1,167	—	64,914
	\$ 653,865	\$ 34,860	\$ 31,173	\$ 3,043	\$ 722,941

	June 30, 2020				
	Pass	Special Mention	Substandard	Doubtful	Total
Commercial					
Real estate	\$ 433,948	\$ 106	\$ 16,398	\$ —	\$ 450,452
Commercial and industrial	222,777	6,393	8,000	53	237,223
Construction	89,869	—	1,936	—	91,805
	\$ 746,594	\$ 6,499	\$ 26,334	\$ 53	\$ 779,480

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The Company considers the performance of the loan portfolio and its impact on the allowance for loan losses. For residential and consumer loan classes, the Company also evaluates credit quality based on the aging status of the loan, which was previously presented, and by payment activity.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Company had residential real estate loans in process of foreclosure of \$2.0 million and \$2.1 million, respectively.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Company had pledged \$429.7 million and \$449.5 million respectively, of residential mortgage, home equity and commercial loans as collateral for FHLB NY borrowings and stand-by letters of credit.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, loans to executive officers, directors, or to associates of such persons, as well as activity in such loans for the years then ended were immaterial as a percentage of total loans receivable.

The Company retains the servicing rights on certain mortgage loans sold, and may release the servicing rights on others. Total residential mortgage loans serviced by the Company for unrelated third parties were approximately \$20.1 million and \$26.8 million at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the unamortized balance of mortgage servicing rights on loans sold with servicing retained was approximately \$170,000 and \$231,000, respectively. The estimated fair value of these mortgage servicing rights was in excess of their carrying value at June 30, 2021 and 2020, and therefore no valuation reserve was necessary. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Company held escrow funds in trust on loans serviced for others of \$493,000 and \$610,000, respectively.

6. DERIVATIVES

In the normal course of servicing our commercial customers, the Company acts as an interest rate swap counterparty for certain commercial borrowers. The Company manages its exposure to such interest rate swaps by entering into corresponding and offsetting interest rate swaps with third parties that match the terms of the interest rate swap with the commercial borrowers. These positions directly offset each other and the Company's exposure is the fair value of the derivatives due to potential changes in credit risk of our commercial borrowers and third parties.

The notional amount of the interest rate swaps does not represent amounts exchanged by the parties. The amount exchanged is determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the individual interest rate swap agreements. At June 30, 2021, the Company held derivatives not designated as hedging instruments, comprised of back-to-back interest rate swaps, with a total notional amount of \$758.4 million, consisting of \$379.2 million of interest rate swaps with commercial borrowers and \$379.2 million of offsetting interest rate swaps with third-party counterparties on substantially the same terms. At June 30, 2020, the Company held derivatives not designated as hedging instruments, comprised of back-to-back interest rate swaps, with a total notional amount of \$706.6 million, consisting of \$353.3 million of interest rate swaps with commercial borrowers and \$353.3 million of offsetting interest rate swaps with third-party counterparties on substantially the same terms.

The fair value of derivatives are classified as a component of other assets and other liabilities on the consolidated statement of condition. The estimated fair value of derivatives not designated as hedging instruments are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021	
	Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities
Gross interest rate swaps	\$ 25,929	\$ 25,929
Less: master netting arrangements	(610)	(610)
Less: cash collateral applied	—	(24,682)
Net amount	<u>\$ 25,319</u>	<u>\$ 637</u>

	June 30, 2020	
	Derivative Assets	Derivative Liabilities
Gross interest rate swaps	\$ 42,922	\$ 42,922
Less: master netting arrangements	—	—
Less: cash collateral applied	—	(42,922)
Net amount	<u>\$ 42,922</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Under terms of the agreements with the third-party counterparties, the Company provides cash collateral to the counterparty for the initial trade. Subsequent to the trade, the margin is exchanged in either direction, based upon the estimated fair value of the underlying contracts. At June 30, 2021, the Company had deposited \$24.7 million as collateral for swap agreements with third-party counterparties. At June 30, 2020, the Company had deposited \$42.9 million as collateral for swap agreements with third-party counterparties.

7. PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

Premises and equipment consists of the following (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Land	\$ 6,678	\$ 6,678
Leaseholds and land improvements	2,592	2,574
Buildings	30,129	30,103
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	15,351	15,072
Construction in progress	576	303
	55,326	54,730
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(16,408)	(13,867)
	<u>\$ 38,918</u>	<u>\$ 40,863</u>

Depreciation and amortization included in occupancy and equipment expense amounted to \$2,541,000 and \$2,542,000 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

8. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Acquired other intangible assets were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Customer relationship intangibles:		
Gross carrying amount	\$ 2,645	\$ 2,645
Less: accumulated amortization	(1,064)	(800)
Net carrying amount	<u>1,581</u>	<u>1,845</u>
Core deposit intangibles:		
Gross carrying amount	562	562
Less: accumulated amortization	(300)	(248)
Net carrying amount	<u>262</u>	<u>314</u>
Total other intangible assets:		
Gross carrying amount	3,207	3,207
Less: accumulated amortization	(1,364)	(1,048)
Net carrying amount	<u>\$ 1,843</u>	<u>\$ 2,159</u>

Estimated amortization expense for the next five years is as follows (dollars in thousands):

Year ending June 30,	
2022	\$ 300
2023	274
2024	247
2025	220
2026	193

Aggregate amortization expense was \$316,000 and \$364,000 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

There were no changes in goodwill for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

There were no impairment losses on goodwill or intangible assets for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

9. DEPOSITS

Deposit account balances are summarized as follows (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Non-interest bearing demand accounts	\$ 504,888	\$ 437,536
Interest-bearing accounts:		
Interest-bearing demand accounts	175,803	110,711
Savings accounts	300,835	258,581
Money market accounts	454,494	343,763
Time deposits	94,876	119,559
Total interest bearing accounts	<u>1,026,008</u>	<u>832,614</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$ 1,530,896</u>	<u>\$ 1,270,150</u>

Overdrawn demand deposit balances of \$145,000 and \$181,000 were reclassified as loan balances as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Time deposits outstanding that had balances of \$250,000 and over amounted to approximately \$20.9 million and \$30.0 million at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Scheduled maturities of time deposits for the next five years are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Year ending June 30,	
2022	\$ 62,225
2023	19,695
2024	7,571
2025	2,815
2026	<u>2,570</u>
	<u>\$ 94,876</u>

Deposits of related parties amounted to \$20.2 million and \$7.5 million at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

10. BORROWINGS

The Company has the ability to borrow (Non-Repo Advances) in an amount up to 30% of its total assets from the FHLBNY. All borrowings from the FHLBNY are collateralized by FHLBNY stock, certain qualifying loans, and certain available for sale securities. In addition, overall credit exposure, including Non-Repo Advances, cannot exceed 50% of total assets. FHLBNY borrowings have prepayment penalties.

At June 30, 2021, the Company pledged approximately \$429.7 million of residential mortgage, home equity and commercial loans as collateral for borrowings and stand-by letters of credit at the FHLBNY. At June 30, 2021, the maximum amount of funding available from the FHLBNY was \$360.9 million, of which none was utilized for borrowings and \$152.0 million was utilized for irrevocable stand-by letters of credit issued to secure municipal deposits.

At June 30, 2020, the Company pledged approximately \$449.5 million of residential mortgage, home equity and commercial loans as collateral for borrowings and stand-by letters of credit at the FHLBNY. At June 30, 2020, the maximum amount of funding available from the FHLBNY was \$375.9 million, of which none was utilized for borrowings and \$222.5 million was utilized for irrevocable stand-by letters of credit issued to secure municipal deposits.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Company had an unsecured \$20.0 million line of credit available with an unrelated financial institution; there were no outstanding draws on the line at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

11. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive loss were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Details About Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss Components	Year Ended June 30,		Affected Line Item in the Statement Where Net Income is Presented
	2021	2020	
	Unrealized gains/losses on securities (before tax):		
Net gains included in net income	\$ —	\$ 138	Net gain on available for sale securities transactions
Tax expense	—	(36)	Income tax expense
Net of tax	—	102	
Amortization of defined benefit plan items (before tax):			
Net actuarial loss	(1,698)	(1,080)	Salaries and employee benefits
Tax benefit	443	282	Income tax expense
Net of tax	(1,255)	(798)	
Total reclassification for the period, net of tax	\$ (1,255)	\$ (696)	

The balances and changes in the components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	For the Year Ended June 30,		
	Unrealized Gains/Losses on Securities	Defined Benefit Plans	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
2021:			
Accumulated other comprehensive loss as of July 1, 2020	\$ 380	(17,750)	\$ (17,370)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	(216)	11,206	10,990
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	—	1,255	1,255
Accumulated other comprehensive loss as of June 30, 2021	\$ 164	\$ (5,289)	\$ (5,125)
2020:			
Accumulated other comprehensive loss as of July 1, 2019	338	(11,441)	(11,103)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	28	(7,107)	(7,079)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	(102)	798	696
Reclassification for change in accounting (1)	116	—	116
Accumulated other comprehensive loss as of June 30, 2020	\$ 380	\$ (17,750)	\$ (17,370)

(1) Adoption of ASU 2016-01 – cumulative effect of change in measurement of equity securities.

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The amounts of income tax expense (benefit) allocated to each component of other comprehensive income (loss) were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Unrealized gains/losses on securities:		
Unrealized holdings (losses) gains arising during the period	\$ (76)	\$ 11
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net income	—	(36)
	<u>(76)</u>	<u>(25)</u>
Defined benefit plans:		
Change in funded status	3,966	(2,516)
Reclassification adjustment for amortization of net actuarial loss	443	282
	<u>4,409</u>	<u>(2,234)</u>
	<u>\$ 4,333</u>	<u>\$ (2,259)</u>

12. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Company maintains a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan and a defined benefit post-retirement plan. Plan assets and obligations that determine the funded status are measured as of the end of the fiscal year.

Amounts recognized in the consolidated statement of condition related to the Company's plans are as follows as of June 30 (dollars in thousands):

	2021	2020
Other assets		
Pension asset	\$ 3,200	\$ —
Other liabilities		
Unfunded pension liability	\$ —	\$ 10,293
Accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation	1,945	2,204
	<u>\$ 1,945</u>	<u>\$ 12,497</u>
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of taxes		
Pension plan	\$ 5,156	\$ 17,387
Post-retirement benefit plan	134	363
	<u>\$ 5,290</u>	<u>\$ 17,750</u>

Pension Plan

The Company maintains a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its full-time employees hired before September 1, 2019. Through December 31, 2009, pensions were paid as an annuity using a pension formula of 2.0% of the average of the five highest consecutive years of total compensation over the last ten years multiplied by credited service up to thirty years. Effective January 1, 2010, the plan was amended and service rendered thereafter is paid using a pension formula of 1.5%. Amounts contributed to the plan are determined annually on the basis of (a) the maximum amount allowable under Internal Revenue Service regulations and (b) the amount certified by a consulting actuary as necessary to avoid an accumulated funding deficiency as defined by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The defined benefit pension plan was amended, effective August 31, 2019, to close the plan to new employees hired on or after September 1, 2019, therefore, no new employees hired on or after September 1, 2019 would be eligible to participate in the defined benefit pension plan.

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The following table sets forth information on the Company's defined benefit pension plan as of June 30 (dollars in thousands):

	2021	2020
Change in projected benefit obligation:		
Projected benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 64,766	\$ 56,150
Service cost	2,910	2,252
Interest cost	1,809	1,968
Actuarial (gain) loss	(2,005)	7,718
Benefits paid	(2,464)	(3,322)
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	<u>65,016</u>	<u>64,766</u>
Change in fair value of plan assets:		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	54,473	55,686
Actual return on plan assets	16,182	2,206
Gain (loss) due to expense assumption	25	(97)
Benefits paid	(2,464)	(3,322)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	<u>68,216</u>	<u>54,473</u>
Funded (unfunded) status of plan at end of year	<u>\$ 3,200</u>	<u>\$ (10,293)</u>

Net periodic pension cost included in the Company's consolidated statements of operations included the following components (dollars in thousands):

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Service cost	\$ 2,910	\$ 2,252
Interest cost	1,809	1,968
Expected return on plan assets	(3,349)	(3,703)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	1,698	1,080
Net periodic pension cost	<u>\$ 3,068</u>	<u>\$ 1,597</u>

Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss, before tax effect consist of net actuarial losses of \$6,981,000 and \$23,541,000 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The estimated net actuarial loss that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive loss into net periodic benefit cost during the year ending June 30, 2022, is \$0.

The actuarial assumptions used in determining the present value of the projected benefit obligations and net periodic pension cost as of and for the years ended June 30 were as follows:

	2021	2020
Weighted average assumptions – benefit obligations		
Discount rate	2.91 %	2.87 %
Annual rate of compensation increase	3.00 %	3.00 %
Weighted average assumptions – net periodic benefit cost		
Discount rate	2.87 %	3.49 %
Annual rate of compensation increase	3.00 %	3.00 %
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	6.25 %	6.75 %

For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2021, the discount rate assumption used was the above median curve.

Accumulated Benefit Obligation

The accumulated benefit obligation (the actuarial present value of benefits, vested and nonvested, earned by employees based on current and past compensation levels) for the Company’s defined benefit pension plan totaled \$58,152,000 and \$58,143,000 as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Investment Policies and Strategies

Plan assets are invested in various mutual funds and are held in trust by Charles Schwab Corporation. The Employer, as the Plan Sponsor, determines the appropriate strategic asset allocation versus plan liabilities.

Currently, the Plan asset allocation targets 65% of assets to equity securities, and 35% to fixed income through a combination of short-term and long-term bond funds. The overall long-term investment objectives are to maintain plan assets at a level that will sufficiently cover long-term obligations and to generate a return on plan assets that will meet or exceed the rate at which long-term obligations will grow. The strategy is designed to provide long-term growth of assets with the objective of achieving an investment return in excess of the costs of funding active lives, deferred vested, and all longer-term obligations. In addition, the plan’s assets are rebalanced quarterly to the target percentages for each investment option no later than the 10th business day following the end of each calendar quarter.

Determination of Long-Term Rate-of-Return

The long-term rate-of-return-on-assets assumption was set based on historical returns earned by equities and fixed-income securities, adjusted to reflect expectations of future returns as applied to the plan’s target allocation of asset classes. Equities and fixed-income securities were assumed to earn real rates of return in the ranges of 5-9% and 1-4%, respectively. The long-term inflation rate was estimated to be 2.5%.

Contributions

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the Company is not required to make a cash contribution to the plan, but may elect to do so.

Estimated Future Benefit Payments

The benefit payments expected to be paid over the next ten years are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Fiscal year ending June 30,	
2022	\$ 1,498
2023	1,539
2024	1,621
2025	1,734
2026	1,857
Years 2027 – 2031	12,630

The Company’s pension plan asset allocation at June 30, 2021 and 2020, target allocation for 2021, and expected long-term rate of return by asset category are as follows:

Asset Category	Target Allocation	Percentage of Plan Assets at Year End		Weighted-Average Expected Long-Term Rate of Return
		2021	2020	
Equity securities	65.0 %	62.4 %	62.6 %	5.00 – 9.00 %
Fixed income securities	35.0 %	37.6 %	37.4 %	1.00 – 4.00 %
Total		100.0 %	100.0 %	

Fair Value of Plan Assets

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

The Company used the following methods and significant assumptions to estimate the fair value of each type of plan asset:

Equity, Debt, Investment Funds and Other Securities

The fair values for securities are determined by quoted market prices, if available (Level 1). For securities where quoted prices are not available, fair values are calculated based on market prices of similar securities (Level 2). For securities where quoted prices or market prices of similar securities are not available, fair values are calculated using discounted cash flows or other market indicators (Level 3). Discounted cash flows are calculated using spread to swap and LIBOR curves that are updated to incorporate loss severities, volatility, credit spread and optionality. During times when trading is more liquid, broker quotes are used (if available) to validate the model. Rating agency and industry research reports as well as defaults and deferrals on individual securities are reviewed and incorporated into the calculations.

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The fair values of the plan assets at June 30, by asset category, are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Carrying Value	June 30, 2021		
		Fair Value Measurements		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Mutual funds				
American Funds New World R6	\$ 3,424	\$ 3,424	\$ —	\$ —
Cohen & Steers Real Estate SECS I	2,001	2,001	—	—
Fidelity Capital & Income Fund	3,417	3,417	—	—
PIMCO Commodities Plus Strat Fd Inst	2,063	2,063	—	—
PIMCO Long Term Credit Bond Inst	10,370	10,370	—	—
PIMCO Low Duration Incm Fd I	2,720	2,720	—	—
Vanguard Developed Mkts Index Inst	8,594	8,594	—	—
Vanguard Growth Index Fund Instl	9,867	9,867	—	—
Vanguard Mid Cap Index Funds Admiral	4,798	4,798	—	—
Vanguard Small Cap I	4,073	4,073	—	—
Vanguard Value Index Instl Shares	9,403	9,403	—	—
Western Asset Core Bd Fd I	6,818	6,818	—	—
Cash	668	668	—	—
Total plan assets	\$ 68,216	\$ 68,216	\$ —	\$ —

	Carrying Value	June 30, 2020		
		Fair Value Measurements		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Mutual funds				
American Funds New World R6	\$ 2,861	\$ 2,861	\$ —	\$ —
Cohen & Steers Real Estate SECS I	1,625	1,625	—	—
Fidelity Capital & Income Fund	2,706	2,706	—	—
PIMCO Commodities Plus Strat Fd Inst	1,740	1,740	—	—
PIMCO Long Term Credit Bond Inst	8,247	8,247	—	—
PIMCO Low Duration Incm Fd I	2,156	2,156	—	—
Vanguard Developed Mkts Index Inst	7,182	7,182	—	—
Vanguard Growth Index Fund Instl	7,862	7,862	—	—
Vanguard Mid Cap Index Funds Admiral	3,798	3,798	—	—
Vanguard Small Cap I	3,210	3,210	—	—
Vanguard Value Index Instl Shares	7,322	7,322	—	—
Western Asset Core Bd Fd I	5,389	5,389	—	—
Cash	375	375	—	—
Total plan assets	\$ 54,473	\$ 54,473	\$ —	\$ —

There were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

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Post-Retirement Healthcare Plan

The Company offers a defined benefit post-retirement plan which provides medical and life insurance benefits to employees meeting certain requirements. Effective October 1, 2006, the plan was amended so that there have been no new plan participants for medical benefits. The cost of post-retirement plan benefits is recognized on an accrual basis as employees perform services. Active employees are eligible for retiree medical coverage upon reaching age sixty with twenty-five or more years of service. Employees with a minimum of thirty years of service are eligible for individual and spousal coverage. Retirees are eligible to participate in any bank-sponsored health insurance programs. The Company's contributions for retiree medical are limited to a monthly premium of \$210 for individual coverage and \$420 for employee and spousal coverage. The Company's funding policy is to pay insurance premiums as they come due.

The following table sets forth the plan's funded status and amounts recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements at June 30 (dollars in thousands):

	2021	2020
Change in accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation:		
Accumulated benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 2,204	\$ 1,835
Service cost	44	36
Interest cost	52	64
Actuarial (gain) loss	(298)	19
Effect of changes in assumptions	—	295
Benefits paid	(57)	(45)
Accumulated benefit obligation at end of year	1,945	2,204
Change in plan assets:		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	—	—
Actual return on plan assets	—	—
Employer contributions	57	45
Benefits paid	(57)	(45)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	—	—
Unfunded status at end of year	\$ (1,945)	\$ (2,204)

Net periodic post-retirement benefit cost included in the Company's consolidated statements of income included the following components (dollars in thousands):

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Service cost	\$ 44	\$ 36
Interest cost	52	64
Recognized actuarial loss	13	3
Net periodic post-retirement benefit cost	\$ 109	\$ 103

Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss, before tax effect, at June 30, consist of (dollars in thousands):

	2021	2020
Net actuarial loss	\$ 181	\$ 491

The estimated net actuarial loss for the post-retirement plan that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive loss into net periodic benefit costs during the year ending June 30, 2022, is \$0.

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The discount rates used in determining the accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation were 2.91% and 3.60% at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the discount rate assumption has changed to the above median curve. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the discount rate assumption was the standard discount curve.

For measurement purposes, the medical care cost trend rate has no effect on the Company's cost since the insurance premiums are a fixed amount (capped). However, increasing or decreasing the benefit cost cap for plan participants could have a significant impact on the accumulated benefit obligation and employer cost.

The projected benefit payments under the plan over the next ten years are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Fiscal year ending June 30,	
2022	\$ 87
2023	92
2024	99
2025	85
2026	88
Years 2027 – 2031	417

401(k) Plan

The Company maintains a defined contribution 401(k) plan covering substantially all employees meeting certain eligibility requirements. Participants may contribute up to the maximum amount allowed under the Internal Revenue Code. The Company matches 100% on the first 1% of employee contributions and 50% on the next 5% after the employee has completed one year of service. The 401(k) plan contribution expense was approximately \$442,000 and \$459,000 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Supplemental Retirement and Deferred Compensation Plans

The Company had a Targeted Benefit Supplemental Retirement Plan for executives. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Company had an accrued benefit liability of \$427,000 and \$435,000, respectively. Effective June 2010, the plan was terminated and there have been no additional contributions. There were no provisions for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. Changes in the accrued benefit liability equal the changes in the fair values of designated assets, less participant payments.

The Company has a Deferred Compensation Plan for directors and certain of its officers. Under the plan, participants can elect to defer all, or portion of their directors fees, or salaries and/or bonuses, and invest those funds in various investment fund options. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Company had an accrued benefit liability of \$850,000 and \$652,000, respectively. Changes in the accrued benefit liability equal the changes in the fair values of the invested assets, additional deferrals, less participant payments, if any.

Employee Stock Ownership Plan

On July 17, 2019, the Company established an ESOP to provide eligible employees the opportunity to own Company stock. The ESOP is a tax-qualified retirement plan for the benefit of Company employees. The Company granted loans to the ESOP for the purchase of 1,018,325 shares of the Company's common stock at an average price of \$13.40 per share. The loan obtained by the ESOP from the Company to purchase the common stock is payable annually over 20 years at a rate per annum equal to the Prime Rate. Loan payments are principally funded by cash contributions from the Bank. The loan is secured by the shares purchased, which are held in a suspense account for allocation among participants as the loan is repaid. The balance of the ESOP loan at June 30, 2021 was \$12.4 million. Contributions are allocated to eligible participants on the basis of compensation, subject to federal tax limits. The number of shares committed to be released annually is 50,916 through the year 2038. Participants receive the shares at the end of employment.

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Shares held by the ESOP include the following (dollars in thousands):

	As of June 30,	
	2021	2020
Allocated	101,832	50,916
Committed to be allocated	25,458	25,458
Unallocated	891,035	941,951
Total Shares	1,018,325	1,018,325

Total compensation expense recognized in connection with the ESOP for the year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$534,000 and \$995,000, respectively.

13. INCOME TAXES

The components of income tax expense were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	For the Years Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Current tax expense	\$ 2,785	\$ 4,289
Deferred tax	(1,202)	(3,492)
Total income tax expense	\$ 1,583	\$ 797

Income tax expense differs from the amount expected based on the federal income tax statutory rate due to the following (dollars in thousands):

	June 30,			
	2021		2020	
	Amount	Rate	Amount	Rate
Income before tax at the federal tax rate	\$ 558	21.0 %	\$ 1,259	21.0 %
State expense, net of federal benefit	139	5.2 %	(227)	(3.8)%
Non-deductible expenses	945	35.5 %	—	— %
Tax-exempt income	(88)	(3.3)%	(141)	(2.4)%
Bank-owned life insurance	6	0.2 %	(115)	(1.9)%
Other, net	23	0.9 %	21	0.4 %
Total income tax expense	\$ 1,583	59.5 %	\$ 797	13.3 %

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The tax effects that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are presented below (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Deferred tax assets		
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 7,393	\$ 6,786
OTTI – securities	334	368
Post-retirement benefit obligations	486	468
Deferred compensation	269	285
Unfunded defined benefit and postretirement benefit plan liabilities	1,872	6,282
Contribution carryforward	802	1,295
Other	733	263
Total deferred tax assets	<u>11,889</u>	<u>15,747</u>
Deferred tax liabilities		
Depreciation	(2,329)	(2,451)
Net deferred loan origination costs	(506)	(569)
Prepaid pension	(2,800)	(3,643)
Prepaid expenses	(141)	(160)
Unrealized gains on securities available for sale	(58)	(135)
Other	(845)	(448)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>(6,679)</u>	<u>(7,406)</u>
Net deferred tax asset at end of year	<u>\$ 5,210</u>	<u>\$ 8,341</u>

Net deferred tax assets are included in other assets in the consolidated statement of condition.

Management determines the need for a deferred tax valuation allowance based upon the realizability of tax benefits from the reversal of temporary differences creating the deferred tax assets, as well as the amount of available open tax carrybacks, if any. As of June 30, 2021, and 2020, no valuation allowance was required.

For the years ending June 30, 2021 and 2020, there were no amounts accrued and/or paid for interest and penalties.

As a thrift institution, the Company is subject to special provisions in the Federal income tax laws regarding its allowable bad debt deduction and related tax basis bad debt reserves. Deferred income tax liabilities are to be recognized with respect to any base-year reserves which are to become taxable (or “recaptured”) in the foreseeable future.

Under current income tax laws, the base-year reserves would be subject to recapture if the Company pays a cash dividend in excess of earnings and profits or liquidates. The Company does not expect to take any actions in the foreseeable future that would require the recapture of any base-year reserves.

A deferred tax liability has not been recognized with respect to the Federal base-year reserve of \$9.3 million at June 30, 2021 and 2020, because the Company does not expect that this amount will become taxable in the foreseeable future. The unrecognized deferred tax liability with respect to the Federal base-year reserve was \$2.4 million at June 30, 2021 and 2020. It is more likely than not that this liability will never be incurred because, as noted above, the Company does not expect to take any action in the future that would result in this liability being incurred.

The Company is subject to routine audits of its tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. The Company is no longer subject to examination by either taxing authority for years before calendar 2017.

14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**Off-Balance-Sheet Financing and Concentrations of Credit**

The Company is a party to certain financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include the Company's commitments to extend credit. Those instruments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk in excess of the amount recognized on the consolidated statement of condition. The contract amounts of those instruments reflect the extent of involvement the Company has in particular classes of financial instruments.

The Company's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the commitments to extend credit is represented by the contractual notional amounts of those instruments which are presented in the tables below (dollars in thousands). The Company uses the same credit policies in making commitments as it does for on-balance-sheet instruments.

	June 30, 2021		
	Fixed Rate	Variable Rate	Total
Financial instruments whose contract amounts represent credit risk (including unused lines of credit and unadvanced loan funds):			
Commitments to extend credit	\$ 29,292	\$ 179,767	\$ 209,059
Standby letters of credit	—	25,011	25,011
	<u>\$ 29,292</u>	<u>\$ 204,778</u>	<u>\$ 234,070</u>
	June 30, 2020		
	Fixed Rate	Variable Rate	Total
Financial instruments whose contract amounts represent credit risk (including unused lines of credit and unadvanced loan funds):			
Commitments to extend credit	\$ 41,573	\$ 232,137	\$ 273,710
Standby letters of credit	—	30,654	30,654
	<u>\$ 41,573</u>	<u>\$ 262,791</u>	<u>\$ 304,364</u>

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and require payment of a fee. Since certain commitments are expected to expire without being fully drawn, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Company evaluates each customer's credit worthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral, if any, required by the Company for the extension of credit is based on management's credit evaluation of the customer.

Commitments to extend credit may be written on a fixed rate basis thus exposing the Company to interest rate risk, given the possibility that market rates may change between commitment and actual extension of credit.

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee payment on behalf of a customer or to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. The credit risk involved in issuing these instruments is essentially the same as that involved in extending loans to customers. Since a portion of these instruments will expire unused, the total amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. Each customer is evaluated individually for creditworthiness under the same underwriting standards used for commitments to extend credit and on-balance-sheet instruments. Bank policies governing loan collateral apply to standby letters of credit at the time of credit extension.

Certain residential mortgage loans are written on an adjustable basis and include interest rate caps which limit annual and lifetime increases in interest rates. Generally, adjustable rate mortgages have an annual rate increase cap of 2% and lifetime rate increase cap of 5% to 6% above the initial loan rate. These caps expose the Company to interest rate risk should market rates increase above these limits. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, approximately \$29.0 million and \$43.8 million of adjustable rate residential mortgage loans had interest rate caps, respectively. In addition, certain adjustable rate residential mortgage loans have a conversion option whereby the borrower may

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elect to convert the loan to a fixed rate during a designated time period. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, approximately \$1.4 million and \$3.5 million of the adjustable rate mortgage loans had conversion options, respectively.

The Company periodically sells residential mortgage loans to FNMA and to the State of New York Mortgage Agency. At June 30, 2021, the Company had no loans held for sale. In addition, the Company has no loan commitments with borrowers at June 30, 2021 with rate lock agreements which are intended to be held for sale, if closed. The Company generally determines whether or not a loan is held for sale at the time that loan commitments are entered into or at the time a convertible adjustable rate mortgage loan converts to a fixed interest rate. In order to reduce the interest rate risk associated with the portfolio of loans held for sale, as well as loan commitments with locked interest rates which are intended to be held for sale if closed, the Company enters into agreements to sell loans in the secondary market. At June 30, 2021, the Company had no commitments to sell loans to unrelated investors.

Concentrations of Credit

The Company primarily grants loans to customers located in the New York State counties of Albany, Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga, and Warren. Although the Company has a diversified loan portfolio, a substantial portion of its debtors' ability to honor their contracts is dependent upon the real estate and construction-related sectors of the economy.

Leases

The Company leases certain branches and equipment under various noncancelable operating leases. The future minimum payments by year and in the aggregate, under all significant noncancelable operating leases with initial or remaining terms of one year or more, are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Year ending June 30,	
2022	\$ 608
2023	611
2024	557
2025	412
2026	272
Thereafter	581
	<u>\$ 3,041</u>

Total rent expense was approximately \$732,000 and \$711,000 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Legal Proceedings and Other Contingent Liabilities

In the ordinary course of business, the Company and the Bank are involved in a number of legal, regulatory, governmental and other proceedings, claims or investigations that could result in losses, including damages, fines and/or civil penalties, which could be significant concerning matters arising from the conduct of their business, including the matters described below. In view of the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of such matters, particularly where the claimants seek large or indeterminate damages, the Company generally cannot predict the eventual outcome of the pending matters, timing of the ultimate resolution of these matters, or eventual loss, fines or penalties related to each pending matter. In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, the Company establish an accrued liability when those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and estimable. The Company's estimates of potential losses will change over time and the actual losses may vary significantly, and there may be an exposure to loss in excess of any amounts accrued. As a matter develops, management, in conjunction with any outside counsel handling the matter, evaluate on an ongoing basis whether such matter presents a loss contingency that is probable and estimable; or where a loss is reasonably possible, whether in excess of a related accrued liability or where there is no accrued liability, whether it is possible to estimate a range of possible loss. Once the loss contingency is deemed to be both probable and estimable, the Company establishes an accrued liability and record a corresponding amount of litigation-related expense. The Company continues to monitor the matters for further developments that could affect the amount of the accrued liability that has been previously established. Excluding legal fees and expenses, litigation-related expense of \$4.5 million was recognized

for the year ended June 30, 2021 (none in 2020). For those matters for which a loss is reasonably possible and estimable, whether in excess of an accrued liability or where there is no accrued liability, the Company's estimated range of possible loss is \$0 to \$52.5 million in excess of the accrued liability, if any, as of June 30, 2021. These estimates are based upon currently available information and are subject to significant judgment, a variety of assumptions and known and unknown uncertainties. The matters underlying the accrued liability and estimated range of possible losses are unpredictable and may change from time to time, and actual losses may vary significantly from the current estimate and accrual. The estimated range of possible loss does not represent the Company's maximum loss exposure.

Information is provided below regarding the nature of the matters and associated claimed damages. The Company and the Bank are defending each of these matters vigorously, and the Company believes that it and the Bank have substantial defenses, including affirmative defenses, counterclaims and cross-claims to the various allegations that have been asserted. In light of the significant judgment, variety of assumptions and uncertainties involved in the matters described below, some of which are beyond the Company's control, and the large or indeterminate damages sought in some of these matters, an adverse outcome in one or more of these matters, or matters related to or resulting from the matters described below, could have an adverse material impact on the Company's business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, or cause significant reputational harm and subject the Company to face civil litigation, significant fines, damage awards or other material regulatory consequences.

Mann Entities Related Fraudulent Activity

During the first fiscal quarter of 2020 (the quarter ending September 30, 2019), the Company became aware of potentially fraudulent activity associated with transactions by an established business customer of the Bank. The customer and various affiliated entities (collectively, the "Mann Entities") had numerous accounts with the Bank. The transactions in question related both to deposit and lending activity with the Mann Entities.

For the fraudulent activity related to the Mann Entities, the Bank's potential monetary exposure with respect to its deposit activity was approximately \$18.5 million. In the first fiscal quarter of 2020, the Bank exercised its rights pursuant to state and federal law and the relevant Mann Entity general deposit account agreements to take actions to set off/recover approximately \$16.0 million from general deposit corporate operating accounts held by the Mann Entities at the Bank to partially cover overdrafts/negative account balances in Mann Entity general deposit corporate operating accounts that primarily resulted from another bank returning/calling back \$15.6 million in checks on August 30, 2019, that the Mann Entities had deposited into and then withdrawn from their accounts at the Bank the day before. In the first fiscal quarter of 2020, the Bank recognized a charge to non-interest expense in the amount of \$2.5 million based on the net negative deposit balance of the various Mann Entities' accounts after the setoffs/overdraft recoveries. Through the end of the third fiscal quarter of 2021, no additional charges to non-interest expense were recognized related to the deposit transactions with the Mann Entities.

With respect to the Bank's lending activity with the Mann Entities, its potential exposure was approximately \$15.8 million (which represents the Bank's participation interest in the approximately \$35.8 million commercial loan relationships for which the Bank is the originating lender). In the fourth fiscal quarter of 2019, the Bank recognized a provision for loan losses in the amount of \$15.8 million, related to the charge-off of the entire principal balance owed to the Bank related to the Mann Entities' commercial loan relationships. During the third fiscal quarter of 2020 and the first fiscal quarter of 2021, the Bank recognized partial recoveries in the amount of \$1.7 million and \$34,000, respectively, related to the charge-off of the Mann Entities' commercial loan relationships, which were credited to the allowance for loan losses. Through the end of the third fiscal quarter of 2021, no additional charges to the provision for loan losses were recognized related to the loan transactions with the Mann Entities.

Several other parties and regulatory agencies are asserting claims against the Company and the Bank related to the series of transactions between the Company or the Bank, on the one hand, and the Mann Entities, on the other. The Company and the Bank continue to investigate these matters and it is possible that the Company and the Bank will be subject to additional liabilities which may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. The Company is pursuing all available sources of recovery and other means of mitigating the potential loss, and the Company and the Bank are vigorously defending all claims asserted against them arising

out of or otherwise related to the fraudulent activity of the Mann Entities. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Bank recognized insurance recoveries in the amount of \$1.3 million, related to the partial reimbursement of defense costs incurred as a result of these matters, which were credited to noninterest expense – professional fees on the consolidated statement of operations.

Legal Proceedings

On October 31, 2019, Southwestern Payroll Services, Inc. (“Southwestern”) filed a complaint against the Company and the Bank (“Pioneer Parties”), Michael T. Mann, Valuewise Corporation, MyPayrollHR, LLC and Cloud Payroll, LLC (collectively, the “Mann Parties”) in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. The complaint alleged that the Pioneer Parties (i) wrongfully converted certain funds belonging to Southwestern, (ii) engaged in fraudulent and wrongful collection and retention of funds belonging to Southwestern, and (iii) committed gross negligence and that Southwestern is entitled to a constructive trust limiting how the Pioneer Parties distribute the funds in question, which are about \$9.8 million. On November 26, 2019, the Pioneer Parties moved to dismiss Southwestern’s fraud claim, which also postponed the Pioneer Parties’ deadline to file an answer until 14 days after the court decided the motion to dismiss. On December 10, 2019, Southwestern filed a response to the Pioneer Parties’ motion to dismiss and an amended complaint, which rendered the Pioneer Parties’ motion to dismiss moot. The amended complaint named several additional corporate entities affiliated with the Mann Parties as co-defendants and asserted claims against the Pioneer Parties for declaratory judgment, conversion, actual and constructive fraud, gross negligence, unjust enrichment and constructive trust, and an accounting. The amended complaint sought a monetary judgment of at least \$9.8 million. Each party has filed numerous motions in the proceedings. On January 10, 2020, the Pioneer Parties moved again to dismiss Southwestern’s fraud claim in the amended complaint, which also postponed the Pioneer Parties’ deadline to file an answer to the amended complaint until 14 days after the court decided the motion to dismiss. On April 16, 2020, the court granted the Pioneer Parties’ motion to dismiss Southwestern’s fraud claim. On April 30, 2020, Southwestern filed a motion for both leave to file a second amended complaint and for reconsideration of the court’s dismissal of Southwestern’s fraud claim.

On May 1, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed their answer to Southwestern’s amended complaint. The Pioneer Parties asserted numerous affirmative defenses, counterclaims against Southwestern, and cross-claims against certain of the Mann Parties, including for common law fraud under New York law and violations of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act. The Pioneer Parties contend that the actions of Southwestern and certain of the Mann Parties resulted in damages of \$15.6 million, plus pre-judgment interest. On July 7, 2020, the court granted Southwestern leave to file a second amended complaint, which Southwestern filed on July 16, 2020. Southwestern’s second amended complaint asserted claims against the Pioneer Parties for declaratory judgment, conversion, actual and constructive fraud, gross negligence, unjust enrichment and constructive trust, and an accounting – and sought a monetary judgment of at least \$9.8 million. On July 30, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed an amended answer to Southwestern’s second amended complaint, which asserted the same affirmative defenses, counterclaims, and cross-claims as the Pioneer Parties’ prior answer to Southwestern’s amended complaint. On March 16, 2021, the Pioneer Parties filed a second amended answer to Southwestern’s second amended complaint, which asserted certain additional affirmative defenses but was otherwise identical to the Pioneer Parties’ amended answer. This matter is currently in discovery.

On December 10, 2019, National Payment Corp. (“NatPay”) filed a motion to intervene as a plaintiff in Southwestern’s lawsuit against the Pioneer Parties and the Mann Parties as described above. On January 10, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed opposition to NatPay’s motion to intervene. On August 4, 2020, the magistrate judge issued a decision recommending that NatPay be allowed to intervene. While the district judge has not yet adopted the magistrate’s recommended decision, NatPay was allowed to file its complaint in intervention on August 18, 2020. NatPay’s complaint includes claims for declaratory judgment, conversion, fraud, gross negligence, unjust enrichment and constructive trust, and for an accounting against the Pioneer Parties. The prayer for relief in NatPay’s complaint seeks “compensatory damages in an amount of no less than \$4 million” (the complaint also seeks punitive damages and interest in unspecified amounts). On September 8, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed their answer and affirmative defenses to NatPay’s complaint. On March 16, 2021, the Pioneer Parties filed an amended answer to NatPay’s complaint, which asserted certain additional affirmative defenses but was otherwise identical to the Pioneer Parties’ answer. As noted, this matter is currently in discovery.

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On January 21, 2020, Cachet Financial Services (“Cachet”), a third-party automated clearing house service provider, filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the Central District of California, Los Angeles Division. Cachet is currently involved in legal proceedings against certain Mann Parties and other related parties. The Bank is not listed as a creditor in the bankruptcy proceedings. However, in the filings with the bankruptcy court, Cachet asserts that the Bank is holding approximately \$8.5 million of its funds. The Company and the Bank dispute this assertion and, if necessary, intend to defend themselves vigorously.

On February 4, 2020, Berkshire Hills Bancorp Inc.’s wholly owned subsidiary Berkshire Bank (“Berkshire Bank”) filed a complaint against the Bank in the Supreme Court of the State of New York for Albany County resulting from Berkshire Bank’s participation interest in the commercial loan relationship to the Mann Entities. The complaint alleges that the Bank (1) breached the amended and restated loan participation agreement between the Bank and Berkshire Bank dated as of June 27, 2018, (2) breached the amended and restated loan participation agreement between the Bank and Berkshire Bank dated as of August 12, 2019, (3) engaged in constructive fraud, (4) engaged in fraudulent inducement, (5) engaged in fraudulent concealment, and (6) negligently misrepresented certain material information. The complaint seeks to recover \$15.6 million and additional damages. On August 14, 2020, the Bank filed a motion to dismiss five of Berkshire Bank’s claims. On December 18, 2020, Berkshire filed papers in opposition to the Bank’s motion to dismiss. On February 19, 2021, the Bank filed its reply in support of its motion to dismiss. On July 1, 2021, the court granted in part and denied in part the Bank’s motion to dismiss. On August 4, 2021, the Bank filed its answer to Berkshire Bank’s remaining claims. This matter is currently in discovery.

On February 4, 2020, Chemung Financial Corporation’s wholly owned subsidiary, Chemung Canal Trust Company (“Chemung”), filed a complaint against the Bank in the Supreme Court of the State of New York for Albany County resulting from Chemung’s participation interest in the commercial loan relationship to the Mann Entities. The complaint alleges that the Bank (1) breached the participation agreement between the Bank and Chemung dated as of August 12, 2019, (2) engaged in fraudulent activities, (3) engaged in constructive fraud, and (4) negligently misrepresented and omitted certain material information. The complaint seeks to recover \$4.2 million and additional damages. On August 14, 2020, the Bank filed a motion to dismiss three of Chemung’s four claims. On December 18, 2020, Chemung filed papers in opposition to the Bank’s motion to dismiss. On February 19, 2021, the Bank filed its reply in support of its motion to dismiss. On July 1, 2021, the court granted in part and denied in part the Bank’s motion to dismiss. On August 4, 2021, the Bank filed its answer to Chemung’s remaining claims. This matter is currently in discovery.

On April 30, 2020, the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), with the authorization of a delegate of the Secretary of the Treasury, filed a civil complaint against the Company and the Bank (and Cloud Payroll, LLC) in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. The complaint alleges, among other things, that the Pioneer Parties wrongfully set off approximately \$7.3 million from an account held by Cloud Payroll to apply towards debts allegedly owed to the Bank by Cloud Payroll and other affiliates of Michael Mann. The complaint alleges that the funds in question were comprised of payroll taxes and thus subject to a statutory trust under 26 U.S.C. § 7501 that prohibited the Bank from setting off those funds to apply towards debts owed to the Bank. The complaint seeks return of any payroll taxes, plus interest. The Pioneer Parties moved to dismiss the DOJ’s complaint against them on October 1, 2020. On October 21, 2020, the DOJ filed an amended complaint, which mooted the Pioneer Parties’ motion to dismiss the DOJ’s original complaint. The amended complaint dropped one of the DOJ’s claims against the Pioneer Parties but continues to seek return of any payroll taxes, plus interest. The amended complaint relates to the same set of facts described above in “Mann Entities Related Fraudulent Activity”, and the alleged payroll taxes, plus interest, sought in this proceeding may be part of the recovery sought in the Southwestern and NatPay complaints described above. On November 4, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed their answer and affirmative defenses to the DOJ’s amended complaint. This matter is currently in discovery.

On August 31, 2020, AXH Air-Coolers, LLC (“AXH”) filed a complaint against the Pioneer Parties, and unnamed employees of the Pioneer Parties in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. The complaint alleges that the Pioneer Parties (i) wrongfully converted certain tax funds belonging to AXH, (ii) were unjustly enriched by the wrongful taking of tax funds belonging to AXH, and (iii) were grossly negligent in allowing AXH’s tax funds to be misappropriated, offset, converted, or stolen. The prayer for relief in AXH’s complaint seeks

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\$336,000, plus penalties and interest, attorney’s fees, and punitive damages. The complaint relates to the same set of facts as the DOJ complaint as described above, and the alleged taxes sought in the DOJ, Southwestern, and NatPay complaints. On November 5, 2020, the Pioneer Parties moved to dismiss the complaint in its entirety. On December 4, 2020, AXH filed papers in opposition to the Pioneer Parties’ motion to dismiss. On December 14, 2020, the Pioneer Parties filed their reply in support of their motion to dismiss. The court has not yet issued a decision on the Pioneer Parties’ motion to dismiss.

On December 1, 2020, the Bank filed a complaint in the Supreme Court of the State of New York against Teal, Becker & Chiamonte, CPAs, P.C. (“TBC”), Mr. Pasquale M. Scisci and Mr. Vincent Commisso (collectively, with TBC, the “TBC Parties”), alleging professional malpractice by the TBC Parties in auditing the annual consolidated financial statements of Valuewise Corporation and its subsidiaries (“Valuewise Entities”) for the fiscal years 2010 to 2018. The Bank asserts that the TBC Parties were aware that the primary, if not the exclusive, reason the Valuewise Entities engaged TBC to audit their financial statements was to provide the Bank with accurate financial information that the Bank would rely on in evaluating whether to provide loans to the Valuewise Entities. The Bank contends that, among other matters, Mr. Michael Mann used the Valuewise Entities to defraud the Bank because of the professional malpractice of the TBC Parties and that if the TBC Parties had not committed professional malpractice by issuing unqualified “clean” opinions on the financial statements of the Valuewise Entities for fiscal years 2010 to 2018, the Bank would never have continued loaning money to the Valuewise Entities. The Bank seeks to recover damages of at least \$34.1 million (plus interest) sustained by it as a result of the professional malpractice of the TBC Parties. The TBC Parties filed their answer to the Bank’s complaint on February 12, 2021. This matter is currently in discovery.

On April 30, 2021, the Bank filed a complaint in the Supreme Court of the State of New York against Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company (“ASIC”), for breach of an insurance contract, breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and declaratory judgment. The Bank’s complaint alleges that it was insured under a management and professional liability insurance policy issued by ASIC (“Policy”), and that the Bank has incurred loss covered under the Policy as a result of the above-described lawsuits filed by Southwestern, NatPay, DOJ, AXH, Berkshire Bank, and Chemung, and responding to various inquiries and investigations relating to the entities and events that are the subjects of certain of those lawsuits. The Bank’s complaint alleges that ASIC has violated the Policy by failing to reimburse the Bank for the full amount of the Bank’s loss covered under the Policy, including defense costs. The Bank’s complaint seeks a declaratory judgment, damages against ASIC of at least \$1.1 million (plus interest and costs), and consequential damages. On August 20, 2021, ASIC filed a partial motion to dismiss some of the Bank’s claims.

On May 14, 2021, the Bank filed a verified petition for a hearing, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2), to adjudicate the validity of the Bank’s interest in approximately \$14.9 million in cash and securities forfeited by Michael Mann pursuant to a preliminary order of forfeiture in *U.S. v. Mann* filed in United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. The Bank’s petition alleges that it has a valid security interest in the forfeited property, and that the forfeited property should thus be turned over to the Bank. On June 28, 2021, the government filed a motion to dismiss the Bank’s petition. On July 30, 2021, the Bank filed opposition to the government’s motion to dismiss the Bank’s petition. On August 13, 2021, the government filed a reply to the Bank’s opposition to the government’s motion to dismiss the Bank’s petition. The government’s motion to dismiss the Bank’s petition is pending in court.

The Company and the Bank have received inquiries and requests for information from regulatory agencies relating to some of the entities and events that are the subjects of certain lawsuits described above. This has resulted in, or may in the future result in, regulatory agency investigations, litigation, subpoenas, enforcement actions, and related sanctions or costs. The Company and the Bank continue to cooperate with inquiries and respond to requests as appropriate.

The New York State Department of Financial Services (the “NYSDFS”) has made requests for production of documents, conducted interviews with Bank employees, and taken other investigatory actions with respect to the Bank’s practices associated with the Mann Parties. The Bank has complied with these requests, producing responsive, non-privileged documents to the NYSDFS. In Summer 2021, NYSDFS informed the Bank that if the parties could not reach a negotiated resolution related to NYSDFS’s findings arising from the Bank’s practices

associated with the Mann Parties, NYSDFS would proceed to an administrative hearing on the issue. It is unknown whether the parties will be able to resolve the matter. A resolution could involve monetary penalties, injunctive relief, and other regulatory consequences. The monetary penalties could be up to \$30.0 million, though, \$15.0 million of these potential monetary penalties relate to and are not incremental to the damages sought by the plaintiffs in the Southwestern, NatPay, DOJ and the AHX proceedings described in this section.

The Company and the Bank continue to investigate these matters and it is possible that the Company and the Bank will be subject to similar legal, regulatory, governmental or other proceedings and additional liabilities. The ultimate outcome of any such proceedings, involving the Company, or the Bank, cannot be predicted with any certainty. It also remains possible that other private parties or governmental bodies will pursue existing or additional claims against the Bank as a result of the Bank's dealings with certain of the Mann Entities or as a result of the actions taken by the Pioneer Parties. The Company's and the Bank's legal fees and expenses related to these actions are significant. In addition, costs associated with potentially prosecuting, litigating or settling any litigation, satisfying any adverse judgments, if any, or other proceedings, could be significant. These legal, regulatory, governmental and other proceedings, claims or investigations, costs, settlements, judgments, sanctions or other expenses could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business prospects, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows or cause significant reputational harm and subject the Company to face civil litigation, significant fines, damage awards or other material regulatory consequences.

15. FAIR VALUE

Fair value is 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. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The fair values of securities are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs) or matrix pricing, which is a mathematical technique widely used in the industry to value debt securities without relying exclusively on quoted prices for the specific securities but rather by relying on the securities' relationship to other benchmark quoted securities (Level 2 inputs).

The fair value of interest rate swaps are based on valuation models using observable market data as of the measurement date (Level 2). The fair value of derivatives are classified as a component of other assets and other liabilities on the consolidated statements of condition.

The fair value of impaired loans with specific allocations of the allowance for loan losses is generally based on recent real estate appraisals. These appraisals may utilize a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the appraisers to adjust for differences between the comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments result in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value.

Nonrecurring adjustments to certain commercial and residential real estate properties classified as OREO are measured at fair value, less costs to sell. Fair values are based on recent real estate appraisals. These appraisals may use a single valuation approach or a combination of approaches including comparable sales and the income approach. Adjustments are routinely made in the appraisal process by the independent appraisers to adjust for

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differences between the comparable sales and income data available. Such adjustments result in a Level 3 classification of the inputs for determining fair value.

Assets and Liabilities Measured on a Recurring Basis

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2021 Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets:				
Available for sale securities:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$ 216,041	\$ 216,041	\$ —	\$ —
Municipal obligations	47,797	—	47,797	—
Other debt securities	764	—	764	—
Total debt securities	264,602	216,041	48,561	—
Equity securities	2,879	2,879	—	—
Derivative assets	25,319	—	25,319	—
Total	\$ 292,800	\$ 218,920	\$ 73,880	\$ —
Liabilities:				
Derivative liabilities	\$ 637	\$ —	\$ 637	\$ —
Total	\$ 637	\$ —	\$ 637	\$ —

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2020 Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets:				
Available for sale securities:				
U.S. Government and agency obligations	\$ 61,511	\$ 61,511	\$ —	\$ —
Municipal obligations	13,385	—	13,385	—
Other debt securities	872	—	872	—
Total debt securities	75,768	61,511	14,257	—
Equity securities	8,533	5,528	3,005	—
Derivative assets	42,922	—	42,922	—
Total	\$ 127,223	\$ 67,039	\$ 60,184	\$ —

Assets and Liabilities Measured on a Non-Recurring Basis

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis are summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
June 30, 2021				
Impaired loans:				
Commercial loans	\$ 2,675	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,675
OREO	365	—	—	365
June 30, 2020				
Impaired loans:				
Commercial loans	\$ 775	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 775
OREO	260	—	—	260

Impaired loans, which are assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis, using the fair value of collateral for collateral dependent loans, had a carrying amount of \$3.7 million with a valuation allowance of \$1.0 million resulting in an estimated fair value of \$2.7 million as of June 30, 2021. Impaired loans, which are assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis, using the fair value of collateral for collateral dependent loans, had a carrying amount of \$1.7 million with a valuation allowance of \$929,000 resulting in an estimated fair value of \$775,000 as of June 30, 2020.

OREO measured at fair value less costs to sell, had a carrying amount of \$365,000 at June 30, 2021. There were no write-downs for the year ended June 30, 2021. OREO measured at fair value less costs to sell, had a carrying amount of \$260,000 at June 30, 2020. There were write-downs of \$8,000 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

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The carrying and estimated fair values of financial assets and liabilities as of June 30 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	June 30, 2021				
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using		
			Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 324,963	\$ 324,963	\$ 324,963	\$ —	\$ —
Securities available for sale	264,602	264,602	216,041	48,561	—
Securities held to maturity	10,878	10,919	—	10,919	—
Equity securities	2,879	2,879	2,879	—	—
FHLBNY stock	1,215	1,215	—	1,215	—
Net loans receivable	1,081,799	1,094,985	—	—	1,094,985
Accrued interest receivable	4,046	4,046	—	4,046	—
Derivative assets	25,319	25,319	—	25,319	—
Financial liabilities					
Deposits					
Savings, money market, and demand accounts	\$ 1,436,020	\$ 1,436,020	\$ —	\$ 1,436,020	\$ —
Time deposits	94,876	95,597	—	95,597	—
Mortgagors' escrow deposits	5,811	5,811	—	5,811	—
Accrued interest payable	24	24	—	24	—
Derivative liabilities	637	637	—	637	—

	June 30, 2020				
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using		
			Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 156,903	\$ 156,903	\$ 156,903	\$ —	\$ —
Securities available for sale	75,768	75,768	61,511	14,257	—
Securities held to maturity	6,822	6,917	—	6,917	—
Equity securities	8,533	8,533	5,528	3,005	—
FHLBNY stock	1,010	1,010	—	1,010	—
Net loans receivable	1,148,399	1,180,002	—	—	1,180,002
Accrued interest receivable	3,467	3,467	—	3,467	—
Derivative assets	42,922	42,922	—	42,922	—
Financial liabilities					
Deposits					
Savings, money market, and demand accounts	\$ 1,150,591	\$ 1,150,591	\$ —	\$ 1,150,591	\$ —
Time deposits	119,559	120,921	—	120,921	—
Mortgagors' escrow deposits	6,044	6,044	—	6,044	—
Accrued interest payable	35	35	—	35	—

Short-Term Financial Instruments

The fair value of certain financial instruments are estimated to approximate their carrying amounts because the remaining term to maturity or period to repricing of the financial instrument is less than ninety days. Such financial

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instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accrued interest receivable and payable and mortgagor's escrow deposits.

Securities

Fair values of securities available for sale, securities held to maturity and equity securities are determined as outlined earlier in this footnote.

FHLB NY Stock

The fair value of FHLB stock approximates its carrying value due to transferability restrictions.

Loans

Fair values are estimated for portfolios of loans with similar financial characteristics. Loans are segregated by type, including residential real estate, commercial real estate, and consumer loans and whether the interest rates are fixed and/or variable.

The estimated fair values of performing loans is calculated by discounting scheduled cash flows through the estimated maturity using estimated market discount rates that reflect the credit and interest rate risk inherent in the respective loan portfolio.

Estimated fair values for nonperforming loans are based on estimated cash flows discounted using a rate commensurate with the credit risk involved. Assumptions regarding credit risk, cash flows, and discount rates are judgmentally determined using available market information and specific borrower information.

Derivatives

Fair values of derivative assets and liabilities are determined as outlined earlier in this footnote.

Deposits

The estimated fair value of deposits with no stated maturity, such as savings, money market and demand deposits, is regarded to be the amount payable on demand. The estimated fair value of time deposits is based on the discounted value of contractual cash flows. The discount rate is estimated using market rates for time deposits with similar maturities. The fair value estimates for deposits do not include the benefit that results from the low-cost funding provided by the deposits as compared to the cost of borrowing funds in the market.

Borrowings

The estimated fair value of FHLB advances, if any, is based on the discounted value of contractual cash flows. The discount rate is estimated using the rates currently offered for borrowings with similar remaining maturities.

The fair values of commitments to extend credit, unused lines of credit, and standby letters of credit are not considered material.

16. REGULATORY CAPITAL

The Bank and Pioneer Commercial Bank are subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by 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 consolidated financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, banks 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. Capital amounts and classifications are also subject to qualitative judgements by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require the Bank and Pioneer Commercial Bank to maintain minimum capital amounts and ratios (set forth in the table below) of Tier 1 capital (as defined in the regulations) to average assets (as defined), and common equity Tier 1, Tier 1 and total capital (as

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defined) to risk-weighted assets (as defined). Basel III transitional rules became effective for the Bank and Pioneer Commercial Bank on January 1, 2015 with all of the requirements being phased in over a multi-year schedule, and fully phased in by January 1, 2019. Under Basel III rules, banks must hold a capital conservation buffer above the adequately capitalized risk-based capital ratios. The required capital conservation buffer is 2.50% for 2021 and 2020.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Bank and Pioneer Commercial Bank met all capital adequacy requirements to which they were subject. Further, the most recent FDIC notification categorized the Bank and Pioneer Commercial Bank as well capitalized institutions under the prompt corrective action regulations. There have been no conditions or events since the notification that management believes have changed the Bank's or Pioneer Commercial Bank's capital classification.

The actual capital amounts and ratios for the Bank and Pioneer Commercial Bank, are presented in the following table (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Actual</u>		<u>For Capital Adequacy Purposes</u>		<u>For Capital Adequacy Purposes with Capital Buffer</u>		<u>To be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Pioneer Bank:								
As of June 30, 2021								
Tier 1 (leverage) capital	\$ 177,269	10.00 %	\$ 70,894	4.00 %	N/A	N/A	\$ 88,617	5.00 %
Risk-based capital								
Common Tier 1	\$ 177,269	16.82 %	\$ 47,422	4.50 %	\$ 73,768	7.00 %	\$ 68,499	6.50 %
Tier 1	\$ 177,269	16.82 %	\$ 63,230	6.00 %	\$ 89,576	8.50 %	\$ 84,307	8.00 %
Total	\$ 190,566	18.08 %	\$ 84,307	8.00 %	\$ 110,652	10.50 %	\$ 105,383	10.00 %
As of June 30, 2020								
Tier 1 (leverage) capital	\$ 175,424	11.53 %	\$ 60,868	4.00 %	N/A	N/A	\$ 76,085	5.00 %
Risk-based capital								
Common Tier 1	\$ 175,424	15.33 %	\$ 51,503	4.50 %	\$ 80,115	7.00 %	\$ 74,393	6.50 %
Tier 1	\$ 175,424	15.33 %	\$ 68,670	6.00 %	\$ 97,283	8.50 %	\$ 91,561	8.00 %
Total	\$ 189,835	16.59 %	\$ 91,561	8.00 %	\$ 120,173	10.50 %	\$ 114,451	10.00 %
Pioneer Commercial Bank:								
As of June 30, 2021								
Tier 1 (leverage) capital	\$ 30,966	7.53 %	\$ 16,442	4.00 %	N/A	N/A	\$ 20,553	5.00 %
Risk-based capital								
Common Tier 1	\$ 30,966	37.65 %	\$ 3,702	4.50 %	\$ 5,758	7.00 %	\$ 5,347	6.50 %
Tier 1	\$ 30,966	37.65 %	\$ 4,935	6.00 %	\$ 6,992	8.50 %	\$ 6,580	8.00 %
Total	\$ 30,966	37.65 %	\$ 6,580	8.00 %	\$ 8,637	10.50 %	\$ 8,226	10.00 %
As of June 30, 2020								
Tier 1 (leverage) capital	\$ 27,144	8.11 %	\$ 13,388	4.00 %	N/A	N/A	\$ 16,736	5.00 %
Risk-based capital								
Common Tier 1	\$ 27,144	45.91 %	\$ 2,661	4.50 %	\$ 4,139	7.00 %	\$ 3,843	6.50 %
Tier 1	\$ 27,144	45.91 %	\$ 3,548	6.00 %	\$ 5,026	8.50 %	\$ 4,730	8.00 %
Total	\$ 27,144	45.91 %	\$ 4,730	8.00 %	\$ 6,209	10.50 %	\$ 5,913	10.00 %

17. REVENUE RECOGNITION

In general, for revenue not associated with financial instruments, guarantees and lease contracts, we apply the following steps when recognizing revenue from contracts with customers: (i) identify the contract, (ii) identify the performance obligations, (iii) determine the transaction price, (iv) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations and (v) recognize revenue when performance obligation is satisfied. Our contracts with customers are generally short term in nature, typically due within one year or less or cancellable by us or our customer upon a short notice period. Performance obligations for our customer contracts are generally satisfied at a single point in time, typically when the transaction is complete. In some cases, we act in an agent capacity, deriving revenue through assisting other entities in transactions with our customers. In such transactions, we recognized revenue and the related costs to provide our services on a net basis in our financial statements. These transactions primarily relate to insurance and brokerage commissions, and fees derived from our customers' use of various interchange and ATM/debit card networks.

Revenue associated with financial instruments, including revenue from loans and securities is excluded from the scope of the accounting guidance for revenue from contracts with customers. In addition, certain noninterest income streams such as fees associated with mortgage servicing rights, financial guarantees, derivatives, and certain credit card fees are also not in scope of the accounting guidance for revenue from contracts with customers. The accounting guidance for revenue from contracts with customers is applicable to noninterest revenue streams such as deposit related fees, interchange fees, and insurance and wealth management services commissions.

The following presents noninterest income, segregated by revenue streams in-scope and out-of-scope of the accounting guidance for revenue from contracts with customers, for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
	(dollars in thousands)	
Non-interest Income		
<i>In scope</i>		
Insurance services	\$ 3,629	\$ 3,727
Wealth management services	3,184	2,750
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,517	3,095
Card services income	3,092	2,779
Other	346	199
Non-interest income in scope	12,768	12,550
Non-interest income out of scope	2,982	3,132
Total non-interest income	\$ 15,750	\$ 15,682

18. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share represent income available to common stockholders divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Unallocated ESOP shares are not deemed outstanding for earnings per share calculations. There were no potentially diluted common stock equivalents as of June 30, 2021 and 2020.

	For the Year Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
Net income applicable to common stock	\$ 1,077	\$ 5,198
Average number of common shares outstanding	25,977,679	25,977,679
Less: Average unallocated ESOP shares	910,129	964,227
Average number of common shares outstanding used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per common share	25,067,550	25,013,452
Net earnings per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.21
Diluted	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.21

19. CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF PIONEER BANCORP, INC.

The following condensed financial statements summarize the financial position and the results of operations and cash flows of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020.

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Financial Condition
As of June 30, 2021 and 2020
(in thousands)

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 42,801	\$ 41,681
Investment in subsidiaries	181,279	167,506
Loan receivable	12,431	12,863
Other assets	1,311	1,952
Total assets	<u>\$ 237,822</u>	<u>\$ 224,002</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Total liabilities	\$ —	\$ 36
Total shareholders' equity	237,822	223,966
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 237,822</u>	<u>\$ 224,002</u>

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Operations
For the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020
(in thousands)

	2021	2020
INCOME		
Interest-earning assets	\$ 550	\$ 682
Total income	550	682
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Contribution to Pioneer Bank Charitable Foundation	—	5,446
Other	238	81
Total operating expenses	238	5,527
Income (loss) before tax benefit and equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	312	(4,845)
Income tax (benefit)	81	(1,583)
Income (loss) before equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	231	(3,262)
Equity in undistributed net income of subsidiaries	846	8,460
Net income	<u>\$ 1,077</u>	<u>\$ 5,198</u>

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Cash Flow
For the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020
(in thousands)

	2021	2020
Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 1,077	\$ 5,198
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Undistributed income of subsidiaries	(846)	(8,460)
Stock contribution to Pioneer Bank Charitable Foundation	—	5,196
Net decrease (increase) in other assets	641	(1,952)
Net (decrease) increase in other liabilities	(36)	36
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>836</u>	<u>18</u>
Cash flow from investing activities:		
Decrease (increase) in loan receivable	432	(12,863)
Investment in subsidiary	—	(54,500)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>432</u>	<u>(67,363)</u>
Cash flow from financing activities:		
Issuance of common stock	—	109,055
Other	(148)	(29)
Net cash (used) provided by financing activities	<u>(148)</u>	<u>109,026</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,120	41,681
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	41,681	—
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 42,801</u>	<u>\$ 41,681</u>

ITEM 9. Changes In and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

ITEM 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting.

Management evaluates the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting and tests for reliability of recorded financial information through a program of ongoing internal audits. Any system of internal control, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations, including the possibility that a control can be circumvented or overridden and misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, because of changes in conditions, internal control effectiveness may vary over time. Accordingly, even an effective system of internal control will provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation.

The Company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Management assessed the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of June 30, 2021, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, based on the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in the “2013 Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.” Based on this assessment, management concludes that, as of June 30, 2021, the Company’s internal control over financial reporting is effective.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management’s report was not subject to attestation by the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm pursuant to rules of the SEC that permit the Company to provide only management’s report in this annual report.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes made in our internal controls during the quarter ended June 30, 2021 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. Other Information

None.

ITEM 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections

Not applicable

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. has adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer or controller or persons performing similar functions. A copy of the Code is available on Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.'s website at www.pioneerny.com under "Resources – Investor Relations – Overview – Governance Documents."

The information contained under the sections captioned "Proposal I – Election of Directors" in the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the SEC within 120 days of June 30, 2021 (the "Proxy Statement") is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information contained under the section captioned "Proposal I – Election of Directors – Executive Compensation" in the definitive Proxy Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

(a) Securities Authorized for issuance under Stock-Based Compensation Plans

The following table presents certain information regarding our Equity Compensation Plan in effect as of June 30, 2021 (the 2020 Equity Incentive Plan remains subject to NYSDFS approval before awards can be made).

Plan	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options and rights	Weighted average exercise price	Number of securities remaining available for issuance under plan
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	-	-	1,782,068
Equity compensations plans not approved by stockholders	-	-	-
Total	-	-	1,782,068

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(b) Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned “Voting Securities and Principal Holders” in the Proxy Statement.

(c) Security Ownership of Management

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned “Voting Securities and Principal Holders” in the Proxy Statement.

(d) Changes in Control

Management of the Company knows of no arrangements, including any pledge by any person of securities of the Company, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the registrant.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the sections captioned “Proposal I – Election of Directors – Transactions with Certain Related Persons,” “– Board Independence” and “– Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors” of the Proxy Statement.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned “Proposal II – Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” of the Proxy Statement.

PART IV

ITEM 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a)(1) Financial Statements

The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

- [\(A\) Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm](#)
- [\(B\) Consolidated Statements of Condition - at June 30, 2021 and 2020](#)
- [\(C\) Consolidated Statements of Operations - Years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020](#)
- [\(D\) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income \(Loss\) – Years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020](#)
- [\(E\) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders’ Equity - Years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020](#)
- [\(F\) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020](#)
- [\(G\) Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements](#)

(a)(2) Financial Statement Schedules

None.

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(a)(3) Exhibits (* documents filed or furnished with this report)

- 3.1 [Articles of Incorporation of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(File No. 333-230208\), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2019\)](#)
- 3.2 [Amended and Restated Bylaws of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K \(File No. 001-38991\), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 19, 2021\)](#)
- 4.1 [Form of Common Stock Certificate of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(File No. 333-230208\), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2019\)](#)
- 4.6 [Description of Registrant’s Securities \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(File No. 001-38991\) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 10, 2019\)](#)
- 10.1 [Employment Agreement by and between Pioneer Bank and Thomas L. Amell \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(File No. 001-38991\) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 17, 2019\)+](#)
- 10.2 [Change in Control Agreement by and between Pioneer Bank and Frank C. Sarratori \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(File No. 001-38991\) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 17, 2019\)+](#)
- 10.3 [Change in Control Agreement by and between Pioneer Bank and Jesse Tomczak \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(File No. 001-38991\) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 17, 2019\)+](#)
- 10.4 [Change in Control Agreement by and between Pioneer Bank and Patrick J. Hughes \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(File No. 001-38991\) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 17, 2019\)+](#)
- 10.5 [Pioneer Bank Targeted Incentive Plan \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(File No. 333-230208\), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2019\)+](#)
- 10.6 [Pioneer Bank Board of Trustees and Executive Employees Deferred Compensation Plan \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(File No. 333-230208\), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2019\)+](#)
- 10.7 [Purchase Agreement by and between Pioneer Savings Bank and Homestead Funding Corp. \(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. \(File No. 333-230208\), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2019\)](#)
- 10.8 [Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. 2020 Equity Incentive Plan \(incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 5, 2021 \(file no. 001-38991\)\)+](#)
- 21* [Subsidiaries of Registrant](#)
- 23.1* [Consent of Bonadio & Co., LLP](#)
- 31.1* [Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14\(a\) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 31.2* [Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14\(a\) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 32* [Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 101* The following materials from the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K, formatted in XBRL: (i) Consolidated Statements of Condition, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Income, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss), (iv) Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders’ Equity and Net Worth, (v) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (vi) Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

+ Indicates management contract, compensatory plan or arrangement of the Company.

ITEM 16. Form 10-K Summary

Not applicable

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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: September 28, 2021

PIONEER BANCORP, INC.
By: /s/ Thomas L. Amell
Thomas L. Amell
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
(Duly Authorized Representative)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Thomas L. Amell</u> Thomas L. Amell	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	September 28, 2021
<u>/s/ Patrick J. Hughes</u> Patrick J. Hughes	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	September 28, 2021
<u>/s/ Madeline Taylor</u> Madeline Taylor	Chairman of the Board	September 28, 2021
<u>/s/ Eileen Bagnoli</u> Eileen Bagnoli	Director	September 28, 2021
<u>/s/ Donald E. Fane</u> Donald E. Fane	Director	September 28, 2021
<u>/s/ Stacey Hengsterman</u> Stacey Hengsterman	Director	September 28, 2021
<u>/s/ Shaun Mahoney</u> Shaun Mahoney	Director	September 28, 2021
<u>/s/ Dr. James K. Reed</u> Dr. James K. Reed	Director	September 28, 2021
<u>/s/ Edward Reinfurt</u> Edward Reinfurt	Director	September 28, 2021

SUBSIDIARIES OF THE REGISTRANT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Percent Ownership</u>	<u>State of Incorporation</u>
Pioneer Bank	100%	New York
Pioneer Commercial Bank*	100%	New York
Anchor Agency, Inc.*	100%	New York
Pioneer Financial Services, Inc.*	100%	New York

* Subsidiary of Pioneer Bank

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-233431) of our report dated September 28, 2021, appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. relating to the consolidated financial statements for the two years ended June 30, 2021.

/s/ Bonadio & Co., LLP
Syracuse, New York
September 28, 2021

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

I, Thomas L. Amell, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Pioneer 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 is made known to us by others within the entity, 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: September 28, 2021

/s/ Thomas L. Amell

Thomas L. Amell

President and Chief Executive Officer

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

I, Patrick J. Hughes, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Pioneer 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 is made known to us by others within the entity, 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: September 28, 2021

/s/ Patrick J. Hughes

Patrick J. Hughes

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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

Thomas L. Amell, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., (the “Company”) and Patrick J. Hughes, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each certify in his capacity as an officer of the Company that they have reviewed the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2021 (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: September 28, 2021

/s/ Thomas L. Amell

Thomas L. Amell

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 28, 2021

/s/ Patrick J. Hughes

Patrick J. Hughes

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

The purpose of this statement is solely to comply with Title 18, Chapter 63, Section 1350 of the United States Code, as amended by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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