

Howard Bancorp Inc  
Form 8-K  
January 29, 2016  
**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **January 27, 2016**

**Howard Bancorp, Inc.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>Maryland</b>	<b>001-35489</b>	<b>20-3735949</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>6011 University Boulevard, Suite 370, Ellicott City, Maryland</b>	<b>21043</b>	
(Address of principal executive offices)	(ZIP Code)	

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(410) 750-0020**

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Section 2 – Financial Information****Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 27, 2016, Howard Bancorp, Inc., the parent company of Howard Bank, issued a press release relating to its results of operations for the fiscal year and three months ended December 31, 2015. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

To provide investors and others with additional information regarding its results, Howard Bancorp has disclosed in the attached press release noninterest income, noninterest expenses and pre-tax income excluding the impact of a one-time non-recurring gain and non-recurring charges, which are non-GAAP financial measures (i.e. not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of American (“GAAP”)). This one-time nonrecurring gain consisted of a \$16.1 million bargain purchase gain on the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation-assisted transaction related to NBRFS Financial Bank, and the one-time non-recurring charges relate to charges incurred in connection with recent acquisitions, in particular in 2015, Howard Bancorp’s acquisition of Patapsco Bancorp, Inc. A reconciliation of the adjustments to GAAP results with respect to pre-tax income is presented in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1. A reconciliation of the adjustments to GAAP results with respect to noninterest income and noninterest expense for the full year and three months ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 is provided below. As the non-GAAP measures exclude a gain and charges that are not reflective of ongoing operations, Howard Bancorp’s management believes that the presentation of noninterest income, noninterest expense and pre-tax net income excluding one-time non-recurring gain and charges is useful to investors because it presents the results of Howard Bancorp’s ongoing business operations. As a result, management believes that presentation of this information helps investors in understanding and evaluating Howard Bancorp’s financial results, operating trends and future prospectus, as well as in comparing Howard Bancorp’s financial results across accounting periods and to those of peer companies.

In addition to the purposes discussed above, Howard Bancorp management uses noninterest income, noninterest expense and net income excluding non-time non-recurring gains and charges as a basis for planning and forecasting future periods, and to evaluate Howard Bancorp’s operating performance, including whether our operating performance has met specified targets and thresholds.

These non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, superior to or in isolation from, noninterest income, noninterest expense and pre-tax income prepared in accordance with GAAP.

**RECONCILIATION OF NONINTEREST INCOME TO NONINTEREST INCOME EXCLUDING ONE-TIME NON-RECURRING GAIN**

(in millions)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Year Ended December</b>		<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>31, 2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
GAAP noninterest income	\$11,927	\$23,256	\$ 2,883	\$18,399
One-time non-recurring gain	----	\$(16,090)	----	\$(16,090)
Noninterest income excluding one-time non-recurring gain	\$11,927	\$ 7,166	\$ 2,883	\$ 2,309



RECONCILIATION OF NONINTEREST EXPENSES TO NONINTEREST EXPENSES EXCLUDING ONE-TIME NON-RECURRING CHARGES

(in millions)

(unaudited)

	<b>Year Ended December</b>		<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>31, 2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
GAAP noninterest expense	\$38,253	\$23,694	\$10,378	\$ 8,891
One-time non-recurring charges	\$(4,344)	\$ (455)	\$(1,041)	\$ (343)
Noninterest expense excluding one-time non- recurring charges	\$33,909	\$23,239	\$ 9,337	\$ 8,548

The information in this Item 2.02 and the related information in Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

**Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 27, 2016

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SIGNATURES

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

HOWARD BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ George C. Coffman

Name: George C. Coffman

Date: January 29, 2016 Title: Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer