

March 9, 2021



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

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To our Shareholders:

Hancock Whitney Corporation (the Company) will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. Central Time. Due to the public health concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic and to support the health and well-being of our shareholders, employees and directors, the annual meeting will be held in virtual-only format via audio webcast. To attend the annual meeting, go to [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/HWC2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/HWC2021) and log in using the control number on your proxy card, voting instruction form or notice. The annual meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To elect five directors to serve until the 2024 annual meeting;
2. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers; and
3. To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm to audit the books of the Company and its subsidiaries for 2021.

Only holders of record of shares of our common stock at the close of business on February 26, 2021 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting or any adjournment thereof. We direct your attention to the attached proxy statement for more complete information regarding the matters to be acted upon at the annual meeting.

Your vote is important, whether or not you expect to attend the meeting. If voting by mail, please mark, date, sign and promptly return the enclosed proxy in the accompanying envelope. No postage is required if mailed in the United States. You may later revoke your proxy and vote during the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Handwritten signature of Jerry L. Levens in cursive.

Jerry L. Levens  
Chairman of the Board

Handwritten signature of John M. Hairston in cursive.

John M. Hairston  
President & CEO

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be held on April 21, 2021:**  
The notice of annual meeting, proxy statement, proxy card and the 2020 annual report for the period ending December 31, 2020, are available at <https://materials.proxyvote.com/410120>