

March 15, 2022



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To our Shareholders:

Hancock Whitney Corporation (the Company) will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Central Time. Due to the public health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and to support the health and well-being of our shareholders, associates 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/HWC2022 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 2025 annual meeting;
2. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers;
3. To approve an amendment to the Hancock Whitney Corporation 2020 Long Term Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares available by 1,400,000; and
4. 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 2022.

Only holders of record of shares of our common stock at the close of business on February 28, 2022 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 script.

Jerry L. Levens
Chairman of the Board

Handwritten signature of John M. Hairston in cursive script.

John M. Hairston
President & CEO

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be held on April 27, 2022:
The notice of annual meeting, proxy statement, proxy card and the 2021 annual report for the period ending December 31, 2021, are available at <https://materials.proxyvote.com/410120>