

March 17, 2026



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To our Shareholders:

Hancock Whitney Corporation (the Company) will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Central Time in virtual-only format via audio webcast. To attend the annual meeting, go to www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/HWC2026 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 2029 annual meeting of shareholders;
2. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers;
3. To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2026.

Only holders of record of shares of our common stock at the close of business on March 2, 2026 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 black ink.

Jerry L. Levens
Chairman of the Board

Handwritten signature of John M. Hairston in black ink.

John M. Hairston
President & CEO

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to be held on April 29, 2026:
The notice of annual meeting, proxy statement, proxy card and the 2025 annual report for the period ending
December 31, 2025, are available at <https://materials.proxyvote.com/410120>