

Howard Bancorp Inc  
Form 8-K  
March 24, 2017

**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): **March 22, 2017**

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

<b>Maryland</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>001-35489</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>20-3735949</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>6011 University Boulevard, Suite 370, Ellicott City, Maryland</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>21043</b> (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 5-Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 22, 2017, Andrew E. Clark resigned from the Board of Directors of Howard Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) and Howard Bank (the “Bank”), effective May 24, 2017, which is the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Howard Bancorp, Inc. Mr. Clark cited as the reasons for his departure his need to spend more time focused on a new business venture, which would not allow him to commit the same level of engagement to Howard Bancorp, Inc. as he has done for the past 12 years.

Mr. Clark did not resign in connection with any disagreement with the Company, the Bank or its management.

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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: Title: Executive Vice President and Chief  
March Financial Officer  
24,  
2017