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PRESS RELEASE

STELLAR BANCORP, INC. REPORTS SECOND OUARTER 2025 RESULTS

HOUSTON, July 25, 2025 - Stellar Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company" or "Stellar") (NYSE: STEL) today reported net income of \$26.4 million, or diluted earnings per share of \$0.51, for the second quarter of 2025, compared to net income of \$24.7 million, or diluted earnings per share of \$0.46, for the first quarter of 2025.

"We are pleased to report our second quarter results that reflect the efforts of our team beginning to add growth to the foundation we've built at Stellar Bank," said Robert R. Franklin, Jr., Stellar's Chief Executive Officer.

"Our bankers made meaningful progress on originations during the second quarter after experiencing elevated payoff activity. We believe that the momentum we saw at the end of the second quarter will continue, which sets us up for loan and deposit growth over the remainder of the year," Mr. Franklin continued.

"We also anticipate that the President's spending bill will provide some tail wind for the Houston economy. The Stellar message is resonating with our customer base, and we are seeing great progress with our prospects. Our pipelines are building and Stellar Bank is well-positioned to gain market share in the vibrant Texas markets we serve," Mr. Franklin concluded.

Financial Highlights

- Solid Profitability: Net income for the second quarter of 2025 was \$26.4 million, or diluted earnings per share of \$0.51, which translated into an annualized return on average assets of 1.01%, an annualized return on average equity of 6.62% and an annualized return on average tangible equity of 12.16%⁽¹⁾.
- Strong Net Interest Margin: Tax equivalent net interest margin for the second quarter of 2025 was 4.18% compared to 4.20% for the first quarter of 2025. The tax equivalent net interest margin, excluding purchase accounting accretion ("PAA"), was 3.95%⁽¹⁾ for the second quarter of 2025 compared to 3.97%⁽¹⁾ for the first quarter of 2025.
- Strong Capital Position and Book Value Build: Total risk-based capital ratio increased to 15.98% at June 30, 2025, while book value per share increased to \$31.20 at June 30, 2025 from \$30.89 at March 31, 2025 and tangible book value per share increased to \$19.94⁽¹⁾ at June 30, 2025 from \$19.69⁽¹⁾ at March 31, 2025.
- Low Net Charge-offs: Net charge-offs of \$370 thousand, or 0.01% of average loans, for the six months ended June 30, 2025 along with manageable asset quality, compared to \$713 thousand, or 0.02% of average loans, for the six months ended June 30, 2024.
- Repurchase of Shares: Repurchased 791 thousand shares at a weighted average price per share of \$26.08 during the second quarter of 2025.

Second Quarter 2025 Results

Net interest income in the second quarter of 2025 decreased \$923 thousand, or 0.9%, to \$98.3 million from \$99.3 million for the first quarter of 2025. The net interest margin on a tax equivalent basis decreased to 4.18% for the second quarter of 2025 from 4.20% for the first quarter of 2025. The decrease in the net interest margin from the prior quarter was primarily due to the impact of increased rates on interest-bearing liabilities along with the decrease in average interest-earning assets partially offset by higher rates on loans. Net interest income for the second quarter of 2025 benefited from \$5.3 million of income from PAA compared to \$5.4 million in the first quarter of 2025. Excluding

PAA, net interest income (tax equivalent) for the second quarter of 2025 would have been \$93.1 million⁽¹⁾ and the tax equivalent net interest margin would have been $3.95\%^{(1)}$.

Noninterest income for the second quarter of 2025 was \$5.8 million, an increase of \$286 thousand, or 5.2%, compared to \$5.5 million for the first quarter of 2025. Noninterest income increased in the second quarter of 2025 compared to the first quarter of 2025 primarily due to the increase in other noninterest income partially offset by the loss on sale of assets during the second quarter. A significant driver of the increase in other noninterest income was \$490 thousand in Federal Reserve Bank dividends as a result of Stellar Bank becoming a member of the Federal Reserve System effective in April 2025.

Noninterest expense for the second quarter of 2025 decreased \$162 thousand, or 0.2%, to \$70.0 million compared to \$70.2 million for the first quarter of 2025. The decrease in noninterest expense in the second quarter of 2025 compared to the first quarter of 2025 was primarily due to a decrease in salaries and employee benefits of \$865 thousand along with a decrease in professional fees of \$499 thousand partially offset by a \$473 thousand increase in net occupancy and equipment, a \$385 thousand increase in advertising expense and a \$567 thousand increase in other noninterest expense.

The efficiency ratio was 61.87% for the second quarter of 2025 compared to 61.93%⁽¹⁾ for the first quarter of 2025. Annualized returns on average assets, average equity and average tangible equity were 1.01%, 6.62% and 12.16%⁽¹⁾ for the second quarter of 2025, respectively, compared to 0.94%, 6.21% and 11.48%⁽¹⁾ for the first quarter of 2025, respectively.

Financial Condition

Total assets at June 30, 2025 were \$10.49 billion, an increase of \$58.1 million compared to \$10.43 billion at March 31, 2025. The increase in total assets was largely due to an increase in Federal Reserve Bank stock along with increases in cash and securities, all of which were funded largely by core deposit growth.

Total loans at June 30, 2025 increased \$4.2 million to \$7.29 billion compared to \$7.28 billion at March 31, 2025. At June 30, 2025, the remaining balance of the purchase accounting accretion ("PAA") on loans was \$62.9 million.

Total deposits at June 30, 2025 increased \$110.9 million to \$8.67 billion compared to \$8.56 billion at March 31, 2025 primarily due to increases in demand and money market and savings deposits partially offset by decreases in certificates and other time and noninterest-bearing deposits. Certificates and other time deposits decreased primarily due to the reduction in brokered deposits.

Asset Quality

Nonperforming assets totaled \$58.2 million, or 0.55% of total assets, at June 30, 2025, compared to \$59.7 million, or 0.57% of total assets, at March 31, 2025. The allowance for credit losses on loans as a percentage of total loans was 1.14% at June 30, 2025 compared to 1.15% at March 31, 2025.

The provision for credit losses was \$1.1 million for the second quarter of 2025 compared to \$3.6 million for the first quarter of 2025. Net charge-offs for the second quarter of 2025 were \$206 thousand, or 0.01% (annualized) of average loans, compared to net charge-offs of \$163 thousand, or 0.01% (annualized) of average loans, for the first quarter of 2025.

GAAP Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Stellar's management uses certain non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate its performance. Please refer to the GAAP Reconciliation and Management's Explanation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures on page 10 of this earnings release for a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures.

Conference Call

Stellar's management team will host a conference call and webcast on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Central Time (9:00 a.m. Eastern Time) to discuss its results for the second quarter of 2025. Participants may register for the conference call at https://registrations.events/direct/Q4I635866891 conference ID 63586 to receive the dial-in numbers and unique PIN to access the call. If you need assistance in obtaining a dial-in number, please contact ir@stellar.bank. A simultaneous webcast is available at https://registrations.events/direct/Q4I635866891 and requires pre-registration. If you are unable to participate during the live webcast, the webcast will be accessible via the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at ir.stellar.bank.

⁽¹⁾ Refer to the calculation of this non-GAAP financial measure on page 10 of this earnings release. The calculation of returns on average tangible equity and the efficiency ratio have been adjusted from prior period disclosures.

About Stellar Bancorp, Inc.

Stellar Bancorp, Inc. is a bank holding company headquartered in Houston, Texas. Stellar's principal banking subsidiary, Stellar Bank, provides a diversified range of commercial banking services primarily to small- to medium-sized businesses and individual customers across Houston, Dallas, Beaumont and surrounding communities in Texas.

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Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release which are not historical in nature are intended to be, and are hereby identified as, "forward-looking statements" for purposes of the safe harbor provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements include, but are not limited to, future financial performance and operating results, the Company's plans, business and growth strategies, objectives, expectations and intentions, and other statements that are not historical facts, including projections of macroeconomic and industry trends, which are inherently unreliable due to the multiple factors that impact economic trends, and any such variations may be material. Forward-looking statements may be identified by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "scheduled," "plans," "intends," "projects," "anticipates," "expects," "believes," "estimates," "potential," "would," or "continue" or negatives of such terms or other comparable terminology.

All forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Stellar to differ materially from any results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others: changes in the interest rate environment, the value of Stellar's assets and obligations and the availability of capital and liquidity; general competitive, economic, political and market conditions; and other factors that may affect future results of Stellar including changes in asset quality and credit risk; the inability to sustain revenue and earnings growth; changes in interest rates and capital markets; inflation; customer borrowing, repayment, investment and deposit practices; the impact, extent and timing of technological changes; capital management activities; disruptions to the economy and the U.S. banking system; risks associated with uninsured deposits and responsive measures by federal or state governments or banking regulators; legislative changes, executive orders, regulatory actions and reforms of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Texas Department of Banking.

Additional factors which could affect the Company's future results can be found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, in each case filed with the SEC and available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. We disclaim any obligation and do not intend to update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this communication, which speak only as of the date hereof, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by federal securities laws. As forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties, caution should be exercised against placing undue reliance on such statements.

		20	25					2024		
		June 30		March 31	I	December 31	S	eptember 30		June 30
				(Dolla	ars in thousand	s)	,		
ASSETS:										
Cash and due from banks	\$	136,060	\$	130,932	\$	419,967	\$	103,735	\$	110,341
Interest-bearing deposits at other financial institutions		442,044		429,643		491,249		412,482		379,909
Total cash and cash equivalents		578,104		560,575		911,216		516,217		490,250
Available for sale securities, at fair value		1,729,684		1,719,371		1,673,016		1,691,752		1,630,971
Loans held for investment		7,287,347		7,283,133		7,439,854		7,551,124		7,713,897
Less: allowance for credit losses on loans		(83,165)		(83,746)		(81,058)		(84,501)		(94,772)
Loans, net		7,204,182		7,199,387		7,358,796		7,466,623		7,619,125
Accrued interest receivable		35,537		37,669		37,884		39,473		43,348
Premises and equipment, net		108,615		109,750		111,856		113,742		113,984
Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank stock		47,099		20,902		8,209		20,123		15,089
Bank-owned life insurance		108,726		108,108		107,498		106,876		106,262
Goodwill		497,318		497,318		497,318		497,318		497,318
Core deposit intangibles, net		81,468		87,007		92,546		98,116		104,315
Other assets		102,277		94,800		107,451		79,537		103,001
Total assets	\$	10,493,010	\$	10,434,887	\$	10,905,790	\$	10,629,777	\$	10,723,663
LIABILITIES:										
Deposits:										
Noninterest-bearing	\$	3,183,693	\$	3,205,619	\$	3,576,206	\$	3,303,048	\$	3,308,441
Interest-bearing										
Demand		1,941,156		1,863,752		1,845,749		1,571,504		1,564,405
Money market and savings		2,393,767		2,248,616		2,253,193		2,280,651		2,213,031
Certificates and other time		1,154,998		1,244,726		1,453,236		1,587,398		1,639,426
Total interest-bearing deposits		5,489,921		5,357,094		5,552,178		5,439,553		5,416,862
Total deposits		8,673,614		8,562,713		9,128,384		8,742,601		8,725,303
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Accrued interest payable		7,607		9,856		17,052		16,915		12,327
Borrowed funds		69,925		119,923				60,000		240,000
Subordinated debt		70,165		70,135		70,105		110,064		109,964
Other liabilities Total liabilities	_	67,865	_	61,428		82,389		74,074	_	70,274
Total habilities	_	8,889,176	-	8,824,055	_	9,297,930	_	9,003,654	-	9,157,868
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:										
Common stock		514		521		534		535		536
Capital surplus		1,185,048		1,202,628		1,240,050		1,238,619		1,238,477
Retained earnings		529,216		510,072		492,640		474,905		447,948
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(110,944)		(102,389)		(125,364)		(87,936)		(121,166)
Total shareholders' equity		1,603,834		1,610,832		1,607,860		1,626,123		1,565,795
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	10,493,010	\$	10,434,887	\$	10,905,790	\$	10,629,777	\$	10,723,663

					Thre	ee Months End	ed					Six Months Ended			
		20	25					2024				2025	2024		
		June 30		March 31	I	December 31	Se	eptember 30		June 30		June 30		June 30	
						(Dollars in th	ousar	ıds, except per	shar	e data)					
INTEREST INCOME:															
Loans, including fees	\$	121,814	\$	120,640	\$	128,738	\$	132,372	\$	135,885	\$	242,454	\$	270,570	
Securities:															
Taxable		15,293		16,148		14,789		13,898		11,923		31,441		21,216	
Tax-exempt		810		812		814		814		816		1,622		1,634	
Deposits in other financial institutions		4,782		4,720		5,681		4,692		3,555		9,502		7,182	
Total interest income		142,699		142,320		150,022		151,776		152,179		285,019		300,602	
INTEREST EXPENSE:															
Demand, money market and savings															
deposits		31,097		27,574		27,877		29,440		28,399		58,671		55,929	
Certificates and other time deposits		11,459		13,527		16,830		18,073		18,758		24,986		33,842	
Borrowed funds		407		517		235		840		1,700		924		3,474	
Subordinated debt		1,401		1,444		2,123		1,916		1,912		2,845		3,829	
Total interest expense		44,364	_	43,062		47,065		50,269	_	50,769		87,426		97,074	
NET INTEREST INCOME		98,335		99,258		102,957		101,507		101,410		197,593		203,528	
Provision for (reversal of) credit losses		1,090		3,632		942		(5,985)		(1,935)		4,722		2,163	
Net interest income after provision										<u> </u>					
for credit losses		97,245		95,626		102,015		107,492		103,345		192,871		201,365	
NONINTEREST INCOME:															
Service charges on deposit accounts		1,561		1,584		1,590		1,594		1,648		3,145		3,246	
(Loss) gain on sale of assets		(57)		417		(112)		432		(64)		360		449	
Bank-owned life insurance		618		610		622		614		591		1,228		1,178	
Debit card and interchange income		566		520		570		551		543		1,086		1,070	
Other	_	3,103	_	2,374	_	2,362		3,111	_	2,698	_	5,477		5,769	
Total noninterest income		5,791	_	5,505		5,032	_	6,302		5,416		11,296	_	11,712	
NONINTEREST EXPENSE:															
		40,927		41,792		43,797		41,123		39,061		82,719		90.427	
Salaries and employee benefits		40,927		3,926		43,797		41,123		4,503		8,325		80,437 8,893	
Net occupancy and equipment Depreciation		1,992		1,995		1,984		1,911		1,948		3,987		3,912	
Data processing and software		1,992		1,993		1,964		1,911		1,940		3,907		3,912	
amortization		5,620		5,682		5,551		5,706		5,501		11,302		10,395	
Professional fees		1,287		1,786		3,428		1,714		1,620		3,073		4,282	
Regulatory assessments and FDIC															
insurance		1,561		1,733		1,636		1,779		2,299		3,294		4,153	
Amortization of intangibles		5,548		5,548		5,581		6,212		6,215		11,096		12,427	
Communications		861		847		807		827		847		1,708		1,784	
Advertising		1,167		782		1,593		878		891		1,949		1,656	
Other		6,642		6,075		6,488		6,346		8,331		12,717	_	14,687	
Total noninterest expense		70,004	_	70,166		75,266		71,066	_	71,216		140,170		142,626	
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES		33,032		30,965		31,781		42,728		37,545		63,997		70,451	
Provision for income taxes		6,680	_	6,263	_	6,569	_	8,837		7,792	_	12,943	_	14,551	
NET INCOME	\$	26,352	\$	24,702	\$	25,212	\$	33,891	\$	29,753	\$	51,054	\$	55,900	
EARNINGS PER SHARE															
Basic	\$	0.51	\$	0.46	\$	0.47	\$	0.63	\$	0.56	\$	0.98	\$	1.05	
Diluted	\$	0.51	\$	0.46	\$	0.47	\$	0.63	\$	0.56	\$	0.98	\$	1.03	
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	Three Months Ended												Six Months Ende			
		20)25					2024				2025		2024		
		June 30	N	March 31		ecember 31		eptember 30		June 30		June 30	J	June 30		
				(Do	llars :	and share am	ounts	in thousands,	excep	t per share	data)					
Net income	\$	26,352	\$	24,702	\$	25,212	\$	33,891	\$	29,753	\$	51,054	\$	55,900		
Earnings per share, basic	\$	0.51	\$	0.46	\$	0.47	\$	0.63	\$	0.56	\$	0.98	\$	1.05		
Earnings per share, diluted	\$	0.51	\$	0.46	\$	0.47	\$	0.63	\$	0.56	\$	0.97	\$	1.04		
Dividends per share	\$	0.14	\$	0.14	\$	0.14	\$	0.13	\$	0.13	\$	0.28	\$	0.26		
Return on average assets ^(A)		1.01%		0.94%		0.94%		1.27%		1.13%		0.98%		1.06%		
Return on average equity ^(A)		6.62%		6.21%		6.21%		8.49%		7.78%		6.42%		7.33%		
Return on average tangible equity ^{(A)(B)(D)}		12.16%		11.48%		11.53%		15.61%		14.94%		11.82%		14.28%		
Net interest margin (tax equivalent)(A)(C)		4.18%		4.20%		4.25%		4.19%		4.24%		4.19%		4.25%		
Net interest margin (tax equivalent) excluding PAA ^{(A)(B)(C)}		3.95%		3.97%		3.94%		3.91%		3.82%		3.96%		3.86%		
Efficiency ratio ^{(B)(E)}		61.87%		61.93%		64.46%		60.40%		60.81%		61.90%		60.62%		
Capital Ratios																
Stellar Bancorp, Inc. (Consolidated)																
Equity to assets		15.28%		15.44%		14.74%		15.30%		14.60%		15.28%		14.60%		
Tangible equity to tangible assets ^{(B)(E)}		10.34%		10.42%		9.87%		10.27%		9.53%		10.34%		9.53%		
Estimated Total capital ratio (to risk- weighted assets)		15.98%		15.97%		16.00%		15.85%		15.30%		15.98%		15.30%		
Estimated Common equity Tier 1 capital (to risk weighted assets)		14.06%		14.05%		14.14%		13.57%		12.95%		14.06%		12.95%		
Estimated Tier 1 capital (to risk- weighted assets)		14.18%		14.17%		14.26%		13.69%		13.06%		14.18%		13.06%		
Estimated Tier 1 leverage (to average tangible assets)		11.44%		11.20%		11.31%		11.10%		10.77%		11.44%		10.77%		
Stellar Bank																
Estimated Total capital ratio (to risk- weighted assets)		15.39%		15.40%		15.28%		15.02%		14.61%		15.39%		14.61%		
Estimated Common equity Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)		14.18%		14.20%		14.13%		13.58%		13.08%		14.18%		13.08%		
Estimated Tier 1 capital (to risk- weighted assets)		14.18%		14.20%		14.13%		13.58%		13.08%		14.18%		13.08%		
Estimated Tier 1 leverage (to average																
tangible assets)		11.44%		11.22%		11.21%		11.01%		10.78%		11.44%		10.78%		
Other Data																
Weighted average shares:																
Basic		51,529		53,146		53,422		53,541		53,572		52,333		53,457		
Diluted		51,569		53,197		53,471		53,580		53,608		52,376		53,506		
Period end shares outstanding		51,398		52,141		53,429		53,446		53,564		51,398		53,564		
Book value per share	\$	31.20	\$	30.89	\$	30.09	\$	30.43	\$	29.23	\$	31.20	\$	29.23		
Tangible book value per share ^(B)	\$	19.94	\$	19.69	\$	19.05	\$	19.28	\$	18.00	\$	19.94	\$	18.00		
Employees - full-time equivalents		1,062		1,054		1,037		1,040		1,045		1,062		1,045		
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⁽A) Interim periods annualized.

⁽B) Refer to the calculation of these non-GAAP financial measures on page 10 of this Earnings Release.

⁽C) Net interest margin represents net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

⁽D) The calculation of return on average tangible equity has been adjusted from prior period disclosures. All periods presented above have been recalculated and disclosed under the same calculation.

⁽E) The calculation of the efficiency ratio has been adjusted from prior period disclosures. All periods presented above have been recalculated and disclosed under the same calculation.

				Thre	ee Months En	ided						
	J	une 30, 2025		N	larch 31, 202	5	June 30, 2024					
	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Interest Paid	Average Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Interest Paid	Average Yield/Rate	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Interest Paid	Average Yield/Rate			
				(Doll	ars in thousa	nds)						
Assets												
Interest-Earning Assets:												
Loans	\$ 7,282,609	\$ 121,814	6.71%	\$ 7,344,298	\$ 120,640	6.66%	\$ 7,808,320	\$ 135,885	7.00%			
Securities	1,729,384	16,103	3.73%	1,817,286	16,960	3.78%	1,549,638	12,739	3.31%			
Deposits in other financial institutions	436,596	4,782	4.39%	430,621	4,720	4.45%	258,916	3,555	5.52%			
Total interest-earning assets	9,448,589	\$ 142,699	6.06%	9,592,205	\$ 142,320	6.02%	9,616,874	\$ 152,179	6.36%			
Allowance for credit losses on loans	(83,700)			(81,166)			(96,306)					
Noninterest-earning assets	1,099,268			1,100,652			1,103,297					
Total assets	\$10,464,157			\$10,611,691			\$10,623,865					
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity												
Interest-Bearing Liabilities:												
Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 1,952,004	\$ 14,399	2.96%	\$ 1,911,625	\$ 12,392	2.63%	\$ 1,545,096	\$ 12,213	3.18%			
Money market and savings deposits	2,371,221	16,698	2.82%	2,234,571	15,182	2.76%	2,227,393	16,186	2.92%			
Certificates and other time deposits	1,201,903	11,459	3.82%	1,296,972	13,527	4.23%	1,694,536	18,758	4.45%			
Borrowed funds	34,427	407	4.74%	45,795	517	4.58%	112,187	1,700	6.09%			
Subordinated debt	70,151	1,401	8.01%	70,121	1,444	8.35%	109,910	1,912	7.00%			
Total interest-bearing liabilities	5,629,706	\$ 44,364	3.16%	5,559,084	\$ 43,062	3.14%	5,689,122	\$ 50,769	3.59%			
Noninterest-Bearing Liabilities:												
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	2 160 701			3,346,066			3,308,633					
Other liabilities	3,160,791						, ,					
Total liabilities	78,120 8,868,617			92,299 8,997,449			9,085,741					
Shareholders' equity	1,595,540						, ,					
Total liabilities and shareholders'	1,393,340			1,614,242			1,538,124					
equity	\$10,464,157			\$10,611,691			\$10,623,865					
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Net interest rate spread			2.90%			2.88%			2.77%			
Net interest income and margin		\$ 98,335	4.17%		\$ 99,258	4.20%		\$ 101,410	4.24%			
Net interest income and margin (tax												
equivalent)		\$ 98,427	4.18%		\$ 99,353	4.20%		\$ 101,482	4.24%			

Cost of funds

Cost of deposits

2.02%

1.97%

1.96%

1.90%

2.27%

2.16%

Six Months Ended June 30,

				2025		2024								
		Average Balance	Ì	Interest Earned/ erest Paid	Average Yield/Rate		Average Balance		Interest Earned/ terest Paid	Average Yield/Rate				
					(Dollars in	thous	sands)							
Assets														
Interest-Earning Assets:														
Loans	\$	7,313,283	\$	242,454	6.69%	\$	7,873,572	\$	270,570	6.91%				
Securities		1,773,092		33,063	3.76%		1,495,726		22,850	3.07%				
Deposits in other financial institutions		433,625		9,502	4.42%		261,911		7,182	5.51%				
Total interest-earning assets		9,520,000	\$	285,019	6.04%		9,631,209	\$	300,602	6.28%				
Allowance for credit losses on loans		(82,440)					(93,959)							
Noninterest-earning assets		1,099,956					1,118,077							
Total assets	\$	10,537,516				\$	10,655,327							
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity														
Interest-Bearing Liabilities:														
Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$	1,931,926	\$	26,791	2.80%	\$	1,621,154	S	24,491	3.04%				
Money market and savings deposits	Ψ	2,303,273	Ψ	31,880	2.79%	Ψ	2,189,099	Ψ	31,438	2.89%				
Certificates and other time deposits		1,249,175		24,986	4.03%		1,569,292		33,842	4.34%				
Borrowed funds		40,079		924	4.65%		123,293		3,474	5.67%				
Subordinated debt		70,136		2,845	8.18%		109,859		3,829	7.01%				
Total interest-bearing liabilities		5,594,589	\$	87,426	3.15%		5,612,697	\$	97,074	3.48%				
Noninterest-Bearing Liabilities:														
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits		3,252,917					3,417,196							
Other liabilities		85,171					92,223							
Total liabilities	_	8,932,677					9,122,116							
Shareholders' equity		1,604,839					1,533,211							
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	10,537,516				\$	10,655,327							
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Net interest rate spread					2.89%					2.80%				
Net interest income and margin			\$	197,593	4.19%			\$	203,528	4.25%				
Net interest income and margin (tax equivalent)			\$	197,780	4.19%			\$	203,688	4.25%				
Cost of funds					1.99%					2.16%				
Cost of deposits					1.93%					2.16%				
Cost of deposits					1.7370					2.03%				

	Three Months Ended												
		20	025										
		June 30		March 31	Г	December 31	S	eptember 30		June 30			
					Dolla	rs in thousand	ls)						
Period-end Loan Portfolio:													
Commercial and industrial	\$	1,346,744	\$	1,362,266	\$	1,362,260	\$	1,350,753	\$	1,396,064			
Real estate:													
Commercial real estate (including multi-family residential)		3,840,981		3,854,607		3,868,218		3,976,296		4,029,671			
Commercial real estate construction and land development		762,911		721,488		845,494		890,316		922,805			
1-4 family residential (including home equity)		1,126,523		1,125,837		1,115,484		1,112,235		1,098,681			
Residential construction		137,855		141,283		157,977		161,494		200,134			
Consumer and other		72,333		77,652		90,421		60,030		66,542			
Total loans held for investment	\$	7,287,347	\$	7,283,133	\$	7,439,854	\$	7,551,124	\$	7,713,897			
Deposits:													
Noninterest-bearing	\$	3,183,693	\$	3,205,619	\$	3,576,206	\$	3,303,048	\$	3,308,441			
Interest-bearing													
Demand		1,941,156		1,863,752		1,845,749		1,571,504		1,564,405			
Money market and savings		2,393,767		2,248,616		2,253,193		2,280,651		2,213,031			
Certificates and other time		1,154,998		1,244,726		1,453,236		1,587,398		1,639,426			
Total interest-bearing deposits		5,489,921		5,357,094		5,552,178		5,439,553		5,416,862			
Total deposits	\$	8,673,614	\$	8,562,713	\$	9,128,384	\$	8,742,601	\$	8,725,303			
Asset Quality:													
Nonaccrual loans	\$	50,505	\$	54,518	\$	37,212	\$	32,140	\$	50,906			
Accruing loans 90 or more days past due	φ	30,303	φ	54,510	Ф	37,212	Ф	32,140	Ф	30,900			
Total nonperforming loans	_	50,505	_	54,518		37,212	_	32,140	_	50,906			
Foreclosed assets		7,652		5,154		1,734		2,984		2,548			
Total nonperforming assets	\$	58,157	\$	59,672	\$	38,946	\$	35,124	\$	53,454			
Total holiperforming assets	Ψ	30,137	Ψ	37,072	Ψ	30,740	Ψ	33,124	<u> </u>	33,434			
Net charge-offs (recoveries)	\$	206	\$	163	\$	2,016	\$	3,933	\$	(1)			
Nonaccrual loans:													
Commercial and industrial	\$	13,395	\$	11,471	\$	8,500	\$	9,718	\$	18,451			
Real estate:													
Commercial real estate (including multi-family residential)		23,359		26,383		16,459		10,695		18,094			
Commercial real estate construction and land development		3,412		2,027		3,061		4,183		1,641			
1-4 family residential (including home equity)		9,965		14,550		9,056		7,259		12,454			
Residential construction		176		_		_		121		155			
Consumer and other		198		87		136		164		111			
Total nonaccrual loans	\$	50,505	\$	54,518	\$	37,212	\$	32,140	\$	50,906			
Asset Quality Ratios:													
Nonperforming assets to total assets		0.55%		0.57%		0.36%		0.33%		0.50%			
Nonperforming loans to total loans		0.69%		0.75%		0.50%		0.43%		0.66%			
Allowance for credit losses on loans to nonperforming loans		164.67%		153.61%		217.83%		262.92%		186.17%			
Allowance for credit losses on loans to total loans		1.14%		1.15%		1.09%		1.12%		1.23%			
Net charge-offs to average loans (annualized)		0.01%		0.01%		0.11%		0.21%		0.00%			

Stellar Bancorp, Inc. GAAP Reconciliation and Management's Explanation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures (Unaudited)

Stellar's management uses certain non-GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) financial measures to evaluate its performance. Stellar believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful supplemental information regarding its performance and that management and investors benefit from referring to these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing Stellar's performance and when planning, forecasting, analyzing and comparing past, present and future periods. Specifically, Stellar reviews pre-tax, pre-provision income, pre-tax pre-provision ROAA, tangible book value per share, return on average tangible equity, tangible equity to tangible assets and net interest margin (tax equivalent) excluding PAA for internal planning and forecasting purposes. Stellar has included in this earnings release information relating to these non-GAAP financial measures for the applicable periods presented. These non-GAAP measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the most directly comparable or other financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, the manner in which Stellar calculates the non-GAAP financial measures may differ from that of other companies reporting measures with similar names.

					Thr	ee Months End	led				Six Mont			ths Ended		
		20	25					2024			2025			2024		
		June 30		March 31	I	December 31	S	eptember 30		June 30		June 30		June 30		
				(Do	llars	and share amo	unts	in thousands,	exce	ot per share	data	ı)				
Net income	\$	26,352	\$	24,702	\$	25,212	\$	33,891	\$	29,753	\$	51,054	\$	55,900		
Add: Provision for (reversal of) credit losses		1,090		3,632		942		(5,985)		(1,935)		4,722		2,163		
Add: Provision for income taxes		6,680		6,263		6,569		8,837		7,792	_	12,943		14,551		
Pre-tax, pre-provision income	\$	34,122	\$	34,597	\$	32,723	\$	36,743	\$	35,610	\$	68,719	\$	72,614		
Total average assets	\$ 1	10,464,157	\$	10,611,691	\$	10,649,175	\$	10,626,266	\$	10,623,865	\$	10,537,516	\$ 1	10,655,327		
Pre-tax, pre-provision return on average assets ^(A)		1.31%		1.32%		1.22%		1.38%		1.35%		1.32%		1.37%		
Total shareholders' equity	S	1,603,834	\$	1,610,832	\$	1,607,860	\$	1,626,123	\$	1,565,795	\$	1,603,834	S	1,565,795		
Less: Goodwill and core deposit intangibles,	Ψ	1,005,054	Ψ	1,010,032	Ψ	1,007,000	Ψ	1,020,123	Ψ	1,505,775	Ψ	1,005,054	Ψ	1,505,775		
net		578,786		584,325		589,864		595,434		601,633		578,786		601,633		
Tangible shareholders' equity	\$	1,025,048	\$	1,026,507	\$	1,017,996	\$	1,030,689	\$	964,162	\$	1,025,048	\$	964,162		
Shares outstanding at end of period		51,398		52,141		53,429		53,446		53,564		51,398		53,564		
Tangible book value per share	\$	19.94	\$	19.69	\$	19.05	\$	19.28	\$	18.00	\$,	\$	18.00		
Average shareholders' equity	\$	1,595,540	\$	1,614,242	\$	1,614,762	\$	1,587,918	\$	1,538,124	\$	1,604,839	\$	1,533,211		
Less: Average goodwill and core deposit intangibles, net		581,438		586,895		592,471		598,866		604,722		584,152		607,935		
Average tangible shareholders' equity	\$	1,014,102	\$	1,027,347	\$	1,022,291	\$	989,052	\$	933,402	\$	1,020,687	\$	925,276		
Net income	\$	26,352	\$	24,702	\$	25,212	\$	33,891	\$	29,753	\$	51,054	\$	55,900		
Add: Core deposit intangibles amortization, net of tax		4,383		4,383		4,409		4,907		4,910		8,766		9,817		
Adjusted net income	\$	30,735	\$	29,085	\$	29,621	\$	38,798	\$	34,663	\$	59,820	\$	65,717		
Return on average tangible equity ^{(A)(B)}		12.16%		11.48%		11.53%		15.61%		14.94%		11.82%		14.28%		
m				10.404.00	•	10.005.500	•	10 (20 555		10 500 660		10.402.010	Φ.			
Total assets Less: Goodwill and core deposit intangibles, net	\$ 1	578,786	\$	10,434,887 584,325	\$	10,905,790 589,864	\$	10,629,777 595,434	\$	10,723,663 601,633	\$	10,493,010 578,786	\$.	601,633		
Tangible assets	•	9,914,224	_	9,850,562	\$	10,315,926	\$	10,034,343	•	10,122,030	•	9,914,224	•	10,122,030		
Tangible equity to tangible assets	Ψ	10.34%	ψ	10.42%	Ψ	9.87%	Ψ	10.27%	ψ	9.53%	ψ	10.34%	ψ.	9.53%		
Tangible equity to tangible assets		10.5470		10.42/0		7.6770		10.2770		7.5570		10.5470		7.5570		
Net interest income (tax equivalent)	\$	98,427	\$	99,353	\$	103,039	\$	101,578	\$	101,482	\$	197,780	\$	203,688		
Less: Purchase accounting accretion	Ψ	5,344	Ψ	5,397	Ψ	7,555	Ψ	6,795	Ψ	10,098	Ψ	10,741	Ψ	18,649		
Adjusted net interest income (tax		3,311	_	5,571	_	7,555		0,775	_	10,070	_	10,711	_	10,017		
equivalent)	\$	93,083	\$	93,956	\$	95,484	\$	94,783	\$	91,384	\$	187,039	\$	185,039		
Average earning assets	\$	9,448,589	\$	9,592,205	\$	9,653,162	\$	9,643,629	\$	9,616,874	\$	9,520,000	\$	9,631,209		
Net interest margin (tax equivalent)																
excluding PAA ^(A)		3.95%		3.97%		3.94%		3.91%		3.82%		3.96%		3.86%		
Nitt	e e	70.004	d)	70.166	d)	75.000	ď.	71.000	d.	71.016	Ф	140 170	e e	142 (2)		
Noninterest expense	\$	70,004	\$	70,166	\$	75,266	\$	71,066	\$	71,216	\$		\$	142,626		
Less: Core deposit intangibles amortization	<u></u>	5,548	•	5,548	Φ.	5,581	Φ.	6,212	•	6,215	<i>A</i>	11,096	<u></u>	12,427		
Adjusted noninterest expense	\$	64,456	\$	64,618	\$	69,685	\$	64,854	\$	65,001	\$	129,074	\$	130,199		
Net interest income	\$	98,335	\$	99,258	\$	102,957	\$	101,507	\$	101,410	\$		\$	203,528		
Noninterest income		5,791		5,505		5,032		6,302		5,416		11,296		11,712		
Less: (Loss) gain on sale of assets		(57)		417		(112)		432		(64)		360		449		
Adjusted noninterest income		5,848		5,088		5,144		5,870		5,480		10,936		11,263		
Net interest income plus adjusted noninterest	ø	104 102	ø	104.246	ø.	100 101	ø	107 277	ø	106 900	ø	200 520	ø	214 701		
income	<u>\$</u>	104,183	<u>></u>	104,346	<u>></u>	108,101	<u> </u>	107,377	<u>\$</u>	106,890	<u>\$</u>	208,529	<u>\$</u>	214,791		
Efficiency ratio ^(C)		61.87%		61.93%		64.46%		60.40%		60.81%		61.90%		60.62%		

- (A) Interim periods annualized.
- (B) The calculation of return on average tangible equity has been adjusted from prior period disclosures. All periods presented above have been recalculated and disclosed under the same calculation.
- (C) The calculation of the efficiency ratio has been adjusted from prior period disclosures. All periods presented above have been recalculated and disclosed under the same calculation.