FORM 4

### **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Hamo and Hadrood of Hoporang Forcest			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Finward Bancorp [ FNWD ]		ionship of Reporting Person(s) all applicable) Director	to Issuer		
(Last) 9204 COLUMBIA	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2025	X	Officer (give title below)  Executive Vice Pre	Other (specify below)		
(Street) MUNSTER	IN	46321	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Li  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Ac Disposed Of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/27/2025		S		375(1)	D	\$30.92	6,549	D	
Common Stock	05/12/2025		P		45.3062(2)	A	\$30.52	11,567.1497	I	Profit Sharing

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
										Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

#### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Payment of exercise price or tax liability by delivering or withholding securities incident to receipt, exercise or vesting of a security issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3
- 2. Shares acquired from the Dividend Reinvestment Plan

/s/ Timothy Artus

05/14/2025

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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