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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): July 17, 2014

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

Maryland 001-35489 20-3735949
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) Identification No.)

6011 University Boulevard, Suite 370, Ellicott City, Maryland
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

21043
(ZIP Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (410) 750-0020

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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 July 14, 2014, Philip W. Gibbs resigned from the Board of Directors of Howard Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") and Howard Bank, effective immediately. Mr. Gibbs cited his desire to spend more time focused on his growing family, and the amount of time required by his substantial and increasing business commitments, as the reasons for his departure.

Mr. Gibbs 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: July 17, 2014 Title: Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer