

EAGLE BANCORP INC  
Form S-8  
August 02, 2011

Registration Statement No. 333-

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

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**Form S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Under**

**The Securities Act of 1933**

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**EAGLE BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**52,2061461**  
(IRS Employer I.D. Number)

**7815 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**EAGLE BANCORP, INC. 2011 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

(Full Title of Plan)

**Ronald D. Paul, Chief Executive Officer**

**Eagle Bancorp, Inc.**

**7815 Woodmont Avenue**

**Bethesda, Maryland 20814**

**301.986.1800**

(Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Agent for Service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☒ x

Non-accelerated filer ☐

Smaller reporting company ☐

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Amount to be Registered(1)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering per Share(2)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2)</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee</b>
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Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	500,000	\$	13.36	\$	6,680,000	\$	775.55
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(1) This Registration Statement on Form S-8 covers shares of common stock \$0.01 par value of Eagle Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) issuable pursuant to the Company's 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan), and any additional shares of common stock that become issuable under the Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, or other similar transaction, in accordance with Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. (the Securities Act).

(2) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(h)(1) under the Securities Act solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee, based on the average of the high and low sales prices for the common stock on July 29, 2011.

**PART I**

The information specified in Part I of Form S-8 is omitted from this filing in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 under the Securities Act, and the introductory note to Part I of the Form S-8 instructions. The documents containing the information specified in Part I will be delivered to the participants in the Plan as required by Rule 428(b)(1).

**PART II**

**ITEM 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference.**

The following documents filed with Securities and Exchange Commission are hereby incorporated by reference herein:

- (1) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010;
- (2) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2011;
- (3) The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 20, 2011, January 27, 2011, March 8, 2011, April 1, 2011 (2 reports), April 25, 2011, May 24, 2011, July, 14, 2011, July 21, 2011 and July 28, 2011;
- (4) The description of the Company's common stock contained in the Company's Form 8-A filed on April 30, 1999, as amended by any reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) for the purpose of amending such description; and
- (5) All other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the year covered in its Annual Report referred to in (1) above.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date hereof, and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment hereto which indicates that all securities offered hereby shall have been sold or which deregisters all securities remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

**ITEM 4. Description of Securities**

As the securities to be issued pursuant to this registration statement are registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, this item is inapplicable.

**ITEM 5. Interest of Named Experts and Counsel.**

The law firm of BuckleySandler LLP has acted as counsel to the Company with respect to this registration statement and passed upon certain legal matters relating to the validity of the shares of the Company's common stock offered hereby. Attorneys at BuckleySandler LLP who have been involved in such matters owned an aggregate of 6,226 shares of the Company's common stock as of July 31, 2011.

**ITEM 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Article VI of the Company's Articles of Incorporation provides that the Company shall, to the full extent permitted and in the manner prescribed by the Maryland General Corporation Law and any other applicable law, indemnify a director or officer of the Company who is or was a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise.

The Maryland General Corporation Law provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

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**2-418 INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS.**

(a) *Definitions.* (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) Corporation includes any domestic or foreign predecessor entity of a corporation in a merger, consolidation, or other transaction in which the predecessor's existence ceased upon consummation of the transaction.

(3) Director means any person who is or was a director of a corporation and any person who, while a director of a corporation, is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, other enterprise, or employee benefit plan.

(4) Expenses include attorney's fees.

(5) (i) Official capacity means:

1. When used with respect to a director, the office of director in the corporation; and

2. When used with respect to a person other than a director as contemplated in subsection (j), the elective or appointive office in the corporation held by the officer, or the employment or agency relationship undertaken by the employee or agent in behalf of the corporation.

(ii) Official capacity does not include service for any other foreign or domestic corporation or any partnership, joint venture, trust, other enterprise, or employee benefit plan.

(6) Party includes a person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in a proceeding.

(7) Proceeding means any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative.

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(b) *Permitted indemnification of a director.* (1) A corporation may indemnify any director made a party to any proceeding by reason of service in that capacity unless it is established that:

(i) The act or omission of the director was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding; and

1. Was committed in bad faith; or

2. Was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty; or

(ii) The director actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property, or services; or

(iii) In the case of any criminal proceeding, the director had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

(2)(i) Indemnification may be against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses actually incurred by the director in connection with the proceeding.

(ii) However, if the proceeding was one by or in the right of the corporation, indemnification may not be made in respect of any proceeding in which the director shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation.

(3)(i) The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, or settlement does not create a presumption that the director did not meet the requisite standard of conduct set forth in this subsection.

(ii) The termination of any proceeding by conviction, or a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, or an entry of an order of probation prior to judgment, creates a rebuttal presumption that the director did not meet that standard of conduct.

(4) A corporation may not indemnify a director or advance expenses under this section for a proceeding brought by that director against the corporation, except:

(i) For a proceeding brought to enforce indemnification under this section; or

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(ii) If the charter or bylaws of the corporation, a resolution of the board of directors of the corporation, or an agreement approved by the board of directors of the corporation to which the corporation is a party expressly provide otherwise.

(c) *No indemnification of director liable for improper personal benefit.* - A director may not be indemnified under subsection (b) of this section in respect of any proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director, whether or not involving action in the director's official capacity, in which the director was adjudged to be liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received.

(d) *Required indemnification against expenses incurred in successful defense.* - Unless limited by the charter:

(1) A director who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any

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proceeding referred to in subsection (b) of this section shall be indemnified against reasonable expenses incurred by the director in connection with the proceeding, claim, issue, or matter in which the director has been successful.

(2) A court of appropriate jurisdiction, upon application of a director and such notice as the court shall require, may order indemnification in the following circumstances:

(i) If it determines a director is entitled to reimbursement under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the court shall order indemnification, in which case the director shall be entitled to recover the expenses of securing such reimbursement; or

(ii) If it determines that the director is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances, whether or not the director has met the standards of conduct set forth in subsection (b) of this section or has been adjudged liable under the circumstances described in subsection (c) of this section, the court may order such indemnification as the court shall deem proper. However, indemnification with respect to any proceeding by or in the right of the corporation or in which liability shall have been adjudged in the circumstances described in subsection (c) shall be limited to expenses.

(3) A court of appropriate jurisdiction may be the same court in which the proceeding involving the director's liability took place.

(e) *Determination that indemnification is proper.* - (1) Indemnification under subsection (b) of this section may not be made by the corporation unless authorized for a specific proceeding after a determination has been made that indemnification of the director is permissible in the circumstances because the director has met the standard of conduct set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

(2) Such determination shall be made:

(i) By the board of directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors not, at the time, parties to the proceeding, or, if such a quorum cannot be obtained, then by a majority vote of a committee of the board consisting solely of two or more directors not, at the time, parties to such proceeding and who were duly designated to act in the matter by a majority vote of the full board in which the designated directors who are parties may participate;

(ii) By special legal counsel selected by the board of directors or a committee of the board by vote as set forth in subparagraph (I) of this paragraph, or, if the requisite quorum of the full board cannot be obtained therefor and the committee cannot be established, by a majority vote of the full board in which directors who are parties may participate; or

(iii) By the stockholders.

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(3) Authorization of indemnification and determination as to reasonableness of expenses shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible. However, if the determination that indemnification is permissible is made by special legal counsel, authorization of indemnification and determination as to reasonableness of expenses shall be made in the manner specified in paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection for selection of such counsel.

(4) Shares held by directors who are parties to the proceeding may not be voted on the subject matter under this subsection.

(f) *Payment of expenses in advance of final disposition of action* (1) Reasonable expenses incurred by a director who is a party to a proceeding may be paid or reimbursed by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding upon receipt by the corporation of:

(i) A written affirmation by the director of the director's good faith belief that the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation as authorized in this section has been met; and

(ii) A written undertaking by or on behalf of the director to repay the amount if it shall ultimately be determined that the standard of conduct has not been met.

(2) The undertaking required by paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection shall be an unlimited general obligation of the director but need not be secured and may be accepted without reference to financial ability to make the repayment.

(3) Payments under this subsection shall be made as provided by the charter, bylaws or contract or as specified in subsection (e)(2) of this section.

(g) *Validity of indemnification provision.* - The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided or authorized by this section may not be deemed exclusive of any other rights, by indemnification or otherwise, to which a director may be entitled under the charter, the bylaws, a resolution of stockholders or directors, an agreement or otherwise, both as to action in an official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

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(h) *Reimbursement of director's expenses incurred while appearing as witness.* - This section does not limit the corporation's power to pay or reimburse expenses incurred by a director in connection with an appearance as a witness in a proceeding at a time when the director has not been made a named defendant or respondent in the proceeding.

(i) *Director's service to employee benefit plan.* - For purposes of this section:

(1) The corporation shall be deemed to have requested a director to serve an employee benefit plan where the performance of the director's duties to the corporation also imposes duties on, or otherwise involves services by, the director to the plan or participants or beneficiaries of the plan:

(2) Excise taxes assessed on a director with respect to an employee benefit plan pursuant to applicable law shall be deemed fines; and

(3) Action taken or omitted by the director with respect to an employee benefit plan in the performance of the director's duties for a purpose reasonably believed by the director to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan shall be deemed to be for a purpose which is not opposed to the best interests of the corporation.

(j) *Officer, employee or agent.* - Unless limited by the charter:

(1) An officer of the corporation shall be indemnified as and to the extent provided in subsection (d) of this section for a director and shall be entitled, to the same extent as a director, to seek indemnification pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section;

(2) A corporation may indemnify and advance expenses to an officer, employee, or agent of the corporation to the same extent that it may indemnify directors under this section; and

(3) A corporation, in addition, may indemnify and advance expenses to an officer, employee, or agent who is not a director to such further extent, consistent with law, as may be provided by its charter, bylaws, general or specific action of its board of directors or contract.

(k) *Insurance or similar protection.* - (1) A corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or who, while a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, other enterprise, or employee benefit plan against any liability asserted against and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person's position, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify against liability under the provisions of this section.

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- (2) A corporation may provide similar protection, including a trust fund, letter of credit, or surety bond, not inconsistent with this section.
- (3) The insurance or similar protection may be provided by a subsidiary or an affiliate of the corporation.

(l) *Report of indemnification to stockholders.* - Any indemnification of, or advance of expenses to, a director in accordance with this section, if arising out of a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation, shall be reported in writing to the stockholders with the notice of the next stockholders meeting or prior to the meeting.

### ITEM 7. Exemption From Registration Claimed.

As no restricted securities are to be reoffered or resold pursuant to this registration statement, this item is inapplicable.

### ITEM 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
4	Eagle Bancorp, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan
5	Opinion of BuckleySandler, LLP
23(a)	Consent of BuckleySandler, LLP, included in Exhibit 5
23(b)	Consent of Stegman & Company

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**9. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information in the registration statement;

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

(2) That for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities that remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by

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controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Bethesda, State of Maryland, on August 1, 2011.

EAGLE BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Ronald D. Paul  
Ronald D. Paul, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Leslie M. Alperstein Leslie M. Alperstein	Director	August 1, 2011
Dudley C. Dworken Dudley C. Dworken	Director	August 1, 2011
/s/ Harvey M. Goodman Harvey M. Goodman	Director	August 1, 2011
/s/ Neal R. Gross Neal R. Gross	Director	August 1, 2011
/s/ Ronald D. Paul Ronald D. Paul	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer Principal Executive Officer of the Company	August 1, 2011
/s/ Robert P. Pincus Robert P. Pincus	Director	August 1, 2011
/s/ Norman R. Pozez Norman R. Pozez	Director	August 1, 2011
/s/ Donald R. Rogers Donald R. Rogers	Director	August 1, 2011

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/s/ Leland M. Weinstein  
Leland M. Weinstein

Director

August 1, 2011

/s/ James H. Langmead  
James H. Langmead

Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer of the Company  
Principal Financial and Accounting Officer

August 1, 2011

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