



**News Announcement
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First Quarter Highlights

- Equitable Financial Corp, parent company of Equitable Bank, reported profits of \$627,000 for the first quarter of fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, or \$0.24 per share, compared to \$571,000 or \$0.21 per share, a 12% increase, for the first quarter of fiscal year June 30, 2024.
- Net interest income increased \$278,000 to \$3.635 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, compared to \$3.357 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2023. We expect modest net interest income increases as loans mature or reprice at current market rates.
- Net loans increased \$20 million to \$440 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, compared to \$420 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2023.
- Provision for loan losses for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, was (\$1,000) compared to (\$115,000) for the quarter ending September 30, 2023.
- Noninterest income decreased \$6,000 to \$1.258 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, compared to \$1.264 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2023.
- Noninterest expense was \$4.044 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, compared to \$3.988 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2023.
- Total assets were \$504.762 million as of September 30, 2024, compared to \$492.816 million as of September 30, 2023.
- During the quarter, the company repurchased 8,145 shares of stock, total cost of \$102,473, at an average price per share of \$12.58.

President/CEO Tom Gdowski, stated, "The Fed's most recent action of lowering rates and additional 25 basis points is having little effect on longer term borrowing cost and mortgage rates. Most banks' liquidity is being reserved for existing borrowers as there continues to be concern over the long-term direction of the economy. We would expect the Fed to continue with additional rate cuts which should have a positive impact on the banks funding costs, although the sentiment continues to be "higher rates for longer" versus the prior expectation of a more aggressive easing cycle. Our focus continues to be managing asset quality and operations."

We continue to believe investing in our own shares via our stock repurchase program at the current prices is an effective use of capital. Our ability to do so is contingent on the overall performance of the Bank. If interested parties wish to sell their stock, please contact us."

About Equitable Financial Corp.

Equitable Financial Corp. is the holding company for Equitable Bank, which is a Nebraska-based community bank headquartered in Grand Island. Equitable Bank has been in operation since 1882. A full-service bank with five branches in Grand Island, North Platte and Omaha, Equitable offers consumer, commercial and Ag loans, home loans, checking and savings accounts, financial planning, and retirement services.

Forward-Looking Statements

When used in this Press Release, the words, or phrases “will likely result,” “are expected to,” “will continue,” “is anticipated,” “estimate,” “project,” or similar expressions are intended to identify “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, changes in economic conditions in the Company’s market area, changes in policies by regulatory agencies, fluctuations in interest rates, demand for loans in the Bank’s market area, competition that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical earnings and those presently anticipated or projected, and other risks described in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company cautions readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. The Company advises readers that the factors listed above could affect the Company’s financial performance and could cause the Company’s actual results for future periods to differ materially from any opinions or statements expressed with respect to future periods in any current statements. The Company does not undertake, and specifically disclaims any obligation, to publicly release the result of any revision which may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

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Balance Sheet

Unaudited

	<u>September 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Assets		
Cash and due from financial institutions	\$ 6,569,766	\$ 10,155,683
Interest-bearing deposits	2,291,681	4,484,312
Federal Funds Sold	—	2,407,000
	<u>8,861,447</u>	<u>17,046,995</u>
Interest-bearing time deposits in banks	2,349,000	424,000
Securities available-for-sale	30,340,044	23,997,405
Securities held-to-maturity	2,960	3,795
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	1,473,000	1,488,600
Federal Reserve Bank stock, at cost	471,750	471,550
Loans, net of allowance for credit losses of \$6,027,000 and \$6,027,000, respectively	439,592,437	446,168,694
Premises and equipment, net	7,621,053	7,713,383
Foreclosed assets, net	1,467,000	1,467,000
Accrued interest receivable	4,258,313	3,780,792
Deferred taxes, net	766,270	795,581
Customer list intangible	1,058,535	1,101,706
Bank-owned life insurance	4,084,212	4,054,607
Other assets	2,416,209	2,708,137
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Total assets	<u>\$ 504,762,230</u>	<u>\$ 511,222,245</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Liabilities:		
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ 48,398,052	\$ 53,054,379
Interest-bearing deposits	391,438,482	396,100,537
	<u>439,836,534</u>	<u>449,154,916</u>
Lines of credit	370,000	275,000
Federal funds purchased	3,122,000	—
Federal Home Loan Bank Borrowings	8,000,000	8,000,000
Advance payments from borrowers for taxes and insurance	451,635	995,822
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities	2,783,459	3,283,106
Total liabilities	<u>454,563,628</u>	<u>461,708,844</u>
Common stock in ESOP subject to contingent repurchase obligation	1,698,450	1,698,450
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized 2,616,120 and 2,624,265 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2024 and June 30, 2024, respectively	26,161	26,243
Additional paid-in capital	16,836,932	16,931,425
Retained earnings	33,917,885	33,291,123
Unearned ESOP shares	(535,648)	(547,432)
Shares reserved for stock compensation	(1,260)	(4,359)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(45,468)	(183,599)
Reclassification of ESOP shares	(1,698,450)	(1,698,450)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>48,500,152</u>	<u>47,814,951</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 504,762,230</u>	<u>\$ 511,222,245</u>

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Income Statement Unaudited

	For the year ended	
	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2023
Interest income:		
Loans	\$ 6,840,110	\$ 5,906,817
Securities	210,625	84,567
Other	127,017	161,804
Total interest income	7,177,752	6,153,188
Interest expense:		
Deposits	3,455,539	2,626,069
Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	80,990	153,071
Other	9,262	16,941
Total interest expense	3,545,791	2,796,080
Net interest income	3,631,961	3,357,108
Provision for loan losses	(697)	(115,447)
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	3,632,658	3,472,555
Noninterest income:		
Service charges on deposit accounts	296,958	315,619
Brokerage fee income	528,170	595,048
Gain on sale of loans	75,287	30,578
Other loan fees	234,246	205,832
Other income	123,787	117,076
Total noninterest income	1,258,448	1,264,153
Noninterest expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits	2,382,163	2,222,070
Director and committee fees	36,246	44,646
Data processing fees	261,930	352,920
Occupancy and equipment	306,783	320,486
Regulatory fees and deposit insurance premium	79,543	82,889
Advertising and public relations	64,206	89,262
Professional fees	185,077	228,505
Supplies, telephone and postage	16,695	22,220
Other expenses	711,642	625,023
Total noninterest expense	4,044,285	3,988,020
Income before income taxes	846,821	748,688
Income tax expense	(220,060)	(177,455)
Net income	\$ 626,761	\$ 571,233

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Selected Financial Data - Quarterly Trend

Unaudited

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)

	Quarter Ended Fiscal Year June 30,									
	2025		2024				2023			
	September 30	June 30	March 31	December 31	September 30	June 30	March 31	December 31	September 30	
Selected Financial Data										
For the period:										
Interest income	\$ 7,178	\$ 7,037	\$ 6,703	\$ 6,421	\$ 6,153	\$ 5,714	\$ 5,422	\$ 5,406	\$ 4,771	
Interest expense	\$ 3,546	\$ 3,486	\$ 3,324	\$ 3,028	\$ 2,796	\$ 2,295	\$ 1,860	\$ 1,370	\$ 697	
Net interest income	\$ 3,632	\$ 3,551	\$ 3,379	\$ 3,393	\$ 3,357	\$ 3,419	\$ 3,562	\$ 4,036	\$ 4,074	
Provision for loan losses	\$ (1)	\$ 83	\$ 15	\$ (10)	\$ (115)	\$ 209	\$ (117)	\$ 175	\$ 200	
Noninterest income	\$ 1,258	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,171	\$ 1,283	\$ 1,264	\$ 1,278	\$ 1,129	\$ 1,183	\$ 1,220	
Noninterest expense	\$ 4,044	\$ 3,701	\$ 3,691	\$ 3,864	\$ 3,988	\$ 3,713	\$ 3,538	\$ 3,774	\$ 3,740	
Income tax expense	\$ 220	\$ 193	\$ 198	\$ 196	\$ 177	\$ 108	\$ 364	\$ 295	\$ 314	
Net income	\$ 627	\$ 871	\$ 646	\$ 626	\$ 571	\$ 667	\$ 906	\$ 975	\$ 1,040	
Period-end:										
Loans (net of deferred origination costs and ACL / ALLL)	\$ 439,592	\$ 446,169	\$ 442,317	\$ 440,092	\$ 420,323	\$ 419,721	\$ 408,850	\$ 431,296	\$ 413,951	
Assets	\$ 504,762	\$ 511,222	\$ 511,216	\$ 497,897	\$ 492,816	\$ 481,049	\$ 472,127	\$ 494,270	\$ 478,270	
Deposits	\$ 439,867	\$ 449,155	\$ 443,400	\$ 427,816	\$ 427,165	\$ 412,270	\$ 414,409	\$ 418,618	\$ 402,703	
Shareholders' equity	\$ 48,500	\$ 47,815	\$ 46,967	\$ 46,418	\$ 45,692	\$ 44,979	\$ 44,355	\$ 43,488	\$ 42,592	
Profitability Statistics										
Return on average assets	0.50%	0.69%	0.51%	0.51%	0.47%	0.56%	0.75%	0.80%	0.89%	
Return on average shareholders' equity	5.25%	7.40%	5.53%	5.44%	5.04%	5.97%	8.25%	9.06%	9.79%	
Average shareholders' equity to average assets	9.48%	9.30%	9.25%	9.30%	9.31%	9.37%	9.09%	8.85%	9.11%	
Common Stock Statistics										
Common shares outstanding	2,616,120	2,624,265	2,637,434	2,638,434	2,657,740	2,666,305	2,678,582	2,698,838	2,714,438	
Book value per common share	\$ 18.54	\$ 18.22	\$ 17.81	\$ 17.59	\$ 17.19	\$ 16.87	\$ 16.56	\$ 16.11	\$ 15.69	
Earnings per common share	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.38	
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Dividend payout ratio	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Regulatory Capital Ratios (Bank)										
Total Capital	12.8%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.9%	12.7%	12.7%	11.7%	12.4%	
Common equity Tier 1 capital	11.5%	11.3%	11.3%	11.3%	11.6%	11.4%	11.4%	10.4%	11.1%	
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	11.5%	11.3%	11.3%	11.3%	11.6%	11.4%	11.4%	10.4%	11.1%	
Tier 1 capital (to adjusted total assets)	9.4%	9.2%	9.1%	9.2%	9.3%	9.4%	9.2%	8.8%	9.6%	