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ES BANCSHARES, INC. ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER 2026 RESULTS; NINTH CONSECUTIVE QUARTER OF GROWTH IN OUR BOOK VALUE PER SHARE

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y., July 22, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – ES Bancshares, Inc. (OTCQX: ESBS) (the "Company") the holding company for Empire State Bank, (the "Bank") today reported net income of $882 thousand, or $0.13 per diluted common share, for the quarter ended June 30, 2026, compared to a net income of $1.1 million, or $0.16 per diluted common share for the quarter ended March 31, 2026.

Key Quarterly Financial Data			
Performance Metrics	**2Q26**	**1Q26**	**4Q25**
Return on average assets (%)	0.57	0.71	0.42
Return on average equity (%)	6.72	8.91	5.31
Return on average tangible equity (%)	6.80	9.02	5.37
Net interest margin (%)	3.10	3.06	2.77
Income Statement (a)	**2Q26**	**1Q26**	**4Q25**
Net interest income	$ 4,666	$ 4,698	$ 4,239
Non-interest income	$ 317	$ 366	$ 403
Net income	$ 882	$ 1,108	$ 659
Earnings per diluted common share	$ 0.13	$ 0.16	$ 0.10
Balance Sheet (a)	**2Q26**	**1Q26**	**4Q25**
Average total loans	$ 533,801	$ 541,939	$ 553,324
Average total deposits	$ 503,839	$ 515,419	$ 512,918
Book value per share	$ 7.64	$ 7.50	$ 7.34
Tangible book value per share	$ 7.56	$ 7.42	$ 7.25

(a) In thousands except for per share amounts

2026 Highlights

- Total deposits grew by $4.2 million from year end 2025 inclusive of a $5.0 million decrease in brokered deposits.
- The Cost of Funds for the three months ended June 30, 2026, dropped to 2.41% from 2.44% in the prior linked quarter.
- For 3 months ended June 30, 2026, the Company's net interest margin increased to 3.10% compared to 3.06% for the 3 months ended March 31, 2026.
- The Company repurchased 40,000 shares in the second quarter of 2026.
- Book value for the quarter ended June 30, 2026, totaled $7.64 per share increasing for the ninth consecutive quarter.

Phil Guarnieri, Director, and Chief Executive Officer of ES Bancshares said "We were able to repurchase 40,000 shares at a discount to our book value in the second quarter. We increased pre-tax income by $130 thousand as we continue to control our costs and expenses. We continue to deploy various strategic decisions to increase our stockholder value."

Selected Balance Sheet Information:

June 30, 2026 vs. December 31, 2025

As of June 30, 2026, total assets were $617.6 million, an increase of $952 thousand, or 0.2%, as compared to total assets of $616.7 million on December 31, 2025. The increase can be attributed to our growth in retail deposits that were partially offset by reductions in our borrowed funds and brokered deposits.

Loans receivable, net of Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans totaled $526.2 million, a decrease of $18.3 million or 3.4% from December 31, 2025. As of June 30, 2026, the Allowance for Credit Losses on Loans as a percentage of gross loans was 0.97%.

Nonperforming assets, which includes nonaccrual loans and foreclosed real estate were $5.0 million or 0.80% of total assets, as of June 30, 2026, decreasing since December 31, 2025. The ratio of nonaccrual loans to loans receivable was 0.94%, as of June 30, 2026, and 1.08% for December 31, 2025. The decrease from December 31, 2025, was primarily due to the payoff of one non-owner occupied commercial real estate loan in the first quarter of 2026.

Total liabilities decreased $860 thousand to $565.0 million at June 30, 2026, from $565.8 million at December 31, 2025. The decrease can be attributed to decrease in borrowed money of $3.4 million and a decrease in other liabilities of $757 thousand, partially offset by an increase in total deposits of $4.2 million.

As of June 30, 2026, the Bank's Tier 1 capital leverage ratio, common equity tier 1 capital ratio, Tier 1 capital ratio and total capital ratios were 10.13%, 15.07%, 15.07% and 16.32% respectively, all in excess of the ratios required to be deemed "well-capitalized." During the second quarter of 2026 the Company repurchased 40 thousand shares, or $237.4 thousand, under its stock repurchase program. We had announced a second stock repurchase plan for an addition $750,000. Book value per common share was $7.64 at June 30, 2026, compared to $7.34 at December 31, 2025. Tangible common book value per share (which represents common equity less goodwill, divided by the number of shares outstanding) was $7.56 at June 30, 2026, compared to $7.25 at December 31, 2025.

Financial Performance Overview:

Three Months Ended June 30, 2026, vs. March 31, 2026

For the three months ended June 30, 2026, the Company net income totaled $882 thousand, compared to a net income of $1.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2026. The decrease can be attributed to higher income taxes, partially offset by lower non-interest expense.

Net interest income for the three months ended June 30, 2026 remained at $4.7 million despite the lower average loan balance during the current quarter. The Company's net interest margin increased by 4 basis points to 3.10% for the three months ended June 30, 2026, as compared to 3.06% for the three months ended March 31, 2026. The increase in margin can be attributed to a decrease in interest expense on deposits. Our subordinated debt repriced as of April 30, 2026, and adjusts quarterly at a margin of 579 basis points over the 3-month SOFR rate.

There was a $52 thousand reversal for credit losses taken for the three months ended June 30, 2026, compared to a $21 thousand reversal for credit losses for the three months ended March 31, 2026. The reversal for credit losses was due to a partial recovery of taxi medallion loan that was previously charged-off.

Non-interest income decreased $49 thousand, to $317 thousand for the three months ended June 30, 2026, compared with non-interest income of $366 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2026. The majority of the decrease can be attributed to lower service charges and fees on loans in the second quarter of 2026. We have not yet received the remaining ERTC installments for the 2021 tax year.

Non-interest expenses totaled $3.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2026, compared to $4.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2026. The largest fluctuations quarter over quarter were due to a $212 thousand decrease in compensation and benefits, partially offset by an increase of $43 thousand in marketing.

About ES Bancshares Inc.

ES Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company") is incorporated under Maryland law and serves as the holding company for Empire State Bank (the "Bank"). The Company is subject to regulation by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System while the Bank is primarily subject to regulation and supervision by the New York State Department of Financial Services. Currently, the Company does not transact any material business other than through the Bank, its subsidiary.

The Bank was organized under federal law in 2004 as a national bank regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. The Bank's deposits are insured up to legal limits by the FDIC. In March 2009, the Bank converted its charter to a New York State commercial bank charter. The Bank's principal business is attracting commercial and retail deposits in New York and investing those deposits primarily in loans, consisting of commercial real estate loans, and other commercial loans including SBA and mortgage loans secured by one-to-four-family residences. In addition, the Bank invests in mortgage-backed securities, securities issued by the U.S. Government and agencies thereof, corporate securities and other investments permitted by applicable law and regulations.

We operate from our five Banking Center locations, a Loan Production Office and our Corporate Headquarters located in Staten Island, New York. The Company's website address is www.esbna.com. The Company's annual report, quarterly earnings releases and all press releases are available free of charge through its website, as soon as reasonably practicable.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release may contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For this purpose, any statements contained in this release that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, words such as "may", "will", "expect", "believe", "anticipate", "estimate" or "continue" or comparable terminology, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially depending on a variety of factors, many of which are not within ES Bancshares, Inc's. control. The forward-looking statements included in this release are made only as of the date of this release. We have no intention, and do not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements.

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ES Bancshares, Inc.
Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition
(in thousands)

	June 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
	|------(unaudited)------|	
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 59,163	$ 36,645
Securities, net	9,640	11,915
Loans receivable, net:		
Real estate mortgage loans	515,019	528,158
Commercial and Lines of Credit	12,640	17,648
Home Equity and Consumer Loans	342	379
Deferred costs	3,378	3,544
Allowance for Loan Credit Losses	(5,140)	(5,142)
Total loans receivable, net	526,239	544,586
Accrued interest receivable	2,613	2,649
Investment in restricted stock, at cost	3,672	3,846
Goodwill	581	581
Bank premises and equipment, net	3,862	4,128
Repossessed assets	-	-
Right of use lease asset	4,571	5,019
Bank Owned Life Insurance	5,739	5,653
Other Assets	1,539	1,645
Total Assets	$ 617,619	$ 616,667
Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity		
Non-Interest-Bearing Deposits	$ 108,470	$ 105,966
Interest-Bearing Deposits	388,240	381,531
Brokered Deposits	10,041	15,040
Total Deposits	506,751	502,537
Bond Issue, net of costs	11,350	11,823
Borrowed Money	35,936	39,328
Lease liability	4,855	5,307
Other Liabilities	6,082	6,839
Total Liabilities	564,974	565,834
Stockholders' equity	52,645	50,833
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 617,619	$ 616,667

ES Bancshares, Inc.
Consolidated Statement of Income
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended,		
	June 30, 2026	March 31, 2026	December 31, 2025
	|----------------(unaudited)----------------|		
Interest income			
Loans	$ 7,383	$ 7,510	$ 7,401
Securities	149	181	126
Other interest-earning assets	463	464	432
Total Interest Income	7,995	8,155	7,959
Interest expense			
Deposits	2,602	2,721	2,985
Borrowings	727	736	735
Total Interest Expense	3,329	3,457	3,720
Net Interest Income	4,666	4,698	4,239
Reversal of Credit Losses	(52)	(21)	(10)
Net Interest Income after Provision for Credit Losses	4,718	4,719	4,249
Non-interest income			
Service charges and fees	270	301	357
Other	47	65	46
Total non-interest income	317	366	403
Non-interest expenses			
Compensation and benefits	1,900	2,112	1,779
Occupancy and equipment	615	624	614
Data processing service fees	326	315	317
Professional fees	305	272	316
FDIC & NYS Banking Premiums	96	101	102
Marketing	122	79	85
Insurance	48	49	47
Other	451	491	490
Total non-interest expense	3,863	4,043	3,750
Income(loss) prior to tax expense	1,172	1,042	902
Income taxes	290	(66)	243
Net Profit	$ 882	$ 1,108	$ 659

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Average Balance Sheet Data
For the Three Months Ended (dollars in thousands)

	June 30, 2026			March 31, 2026			December 31, 2025		
	Avg Bal Rolling 3 Mos.	Interest Rolling 3 Mos.	Average Yield/Cost	Avg Bal Rolling 3 Mos.	Interest Rolling 3 Mos.	Average Yield/Cost	Avg Bal Rolling 3 Mos.	Interest Rolling 3 Mos.	Average Yield/Cost
Assets									
Interest-earning assets:									
Loans receivable	$ 533,801	$ 7,383	5.53%	$ 541,939	$ 7,510	5.54%	$ 553,324	$ 7,401	5.35%
Investment securities	18,079	149	3.29%	21,053	181	3.43%	14,638	126	3.43%
Other interest earning assets	49,961	463	3.76%	50,677	464	3.71%	43,364	432	3.94%
Total interest-earning assets	601,841	7,995	5.31%	613,669	8,155	5.32%	611,326	7,959	5.21%
Non-interest earning assets	14,932			28,474			14,542		
Total assets	$ 616,773			$ 642,143			$ 625,868		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity									
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Demand Deposit accounts	$ 36,234	$ 35	0.38%	$ 39,363	$ 36	0.37%	$ 34,442	$ 32	0.37%
Savings accounts	214,768	1,282	2.39%	221,971	1,360	2.48%	221,921	1,533	2.74%
Certificates of deposit	146,949	1,285	3.51%	149,160	1,235	3.36%	153,046	1,420	3.68%
Total interest-bearing deposits	397,951	2,602	2.62%	410,494	2,721	2.69%	409,408	2,985	2.89%
Borrowings	38,002	444	4.69%	39,200	454	4.69%	39,393	463	4.66%
Subordinated debenture	11,346	283	9.97%	11,337	282	9.95%	11,820	272	9.20%
Total interest-bearing liabilities	447,299	3,329	2.98%	461,031	3,457	3.04%	460,622	3,719	3.20%
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits	105,270			104,925			103,510		
Other liabilities	11,717			11,118			11,118		
Total non-interest-bearing liabilities	116,987			116,043			114,628		
Stockholders' equity	52,487			51,610			50,619		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 616,773			$ 642,143			$ 625,868		
Net interest income		$ 4,666			$ 4,698			$ 4,239	
Average interest rate spread (1)			2.33%			2.27%			2.01%
Net interest margin (2)			3.10%			3.06%			2.77%

(1) Average interest rate spread represents the difference between the yield on average interest-earning assets and and the cost of average interest-bearing liabilities.

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

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Five Quarter Performance Ratio Highlights	Three Months Ended				
	June 30, 2026	March 31, 2026	December 31, 2025	September 30, 2025	June 30, 2025
Performance Ratios (%) - annualized					
Return on Average Assets	0.57%	0.71%	0.42%	0.41%	0.66%
Return on Average Equity	6.72%	8.91%	5.31%	5.12%	8.44%
Return on Average Tangible Equity	6.80%	9.02%	5.37%	5.18%	8.55%
Efficiency Ratio	77.52%	79.84%	80.84%	81.71%	73.30%
Yields / Costs (%)					
Average Yield - Interest Earning Assets	5.31%	5.31%	5.21%	5.25%	5.17%
Average Cost - Interest-bearing Liabilities	2.98%	3.04%	3.20%	3.22%	3.36%
Net Interest Margin	3.10%	3.06%	2.77%	2.79%	2.66%
Capital Ratios (%)					
Equity / Assets	8.52%	8.07%	8.25%	8.07%	7.66%
Tangible Equity / Assets	8.44%	7.99%	8.16%	7.98%	7.58%
Tier I leverage ratio (a)	10.13%	10.01%	10.00%	9.91%	9.78%
Common equity Tier I capital ratio (a)	15.07%	15.10%	14.91%	14.51%	14.35%
Tier 1 Risk-based capital ratio (a)	15.07%	15.10%	14.91%	14.51%	14.35%
Total Risk-based capital ratio (a)	16.32%	16.35%	16.16%	15.76%	15.60%
Stock Valuation					
Book Value (c)	$7.64	$7.50	$7.34	$7.24	$7.13
Tangible Book Value (c)	$7.56	$7.42	$7.25	$7.15	$7.05
Shares Outstanding (b)	6,887	6,927	6,926	6,926	6,927
Asset Quality (%)					
ACL / Total Loans	0.97%	0.95%	0.94%	0.93%	0.93%
Non Performing Loans / Total Loans	0.93%	0.92%	1.08%	1.10%	1.13%
Non Performing Assets / Total Assets	0.80%	0.78%	0.96%	0.98%	0.98%

(a) Ratios at Bank level (b) Shares information presented in thousands (c) Share value is in dollars