

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE
SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

BLACKBAUD, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

11-2617163

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

65 Fairchild Street

Charleston, South Carolina

(Address of principal executive offices)

29492

(Zip Code)

**BLACKBAUD, INC.
2016 EQUITY AND INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN
AMENDED AND RESTATED AS OF JUNE 10, 2021**

(Full title of the plan)

Michael P. Gianoni, President and Chief Executive Officer

Blackbaud, Inc.

65 Fairchild Street

Charleston, South Carolina 29492

(Name and address of agent for service)

(843) 216-6200

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

R. Douglas Harmon

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620 South Tryon Street, Suite 800

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)(2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(3)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(3)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Common Stock”)	1,500,000 shares	\$74.10	\$111,150,000.00	\$12,126.47

(1) The 1,500,000 shares of Common Stock of Blackbaud, Inc. (the “Company”) are to be offered and sold under the Blackbaud, Inc. 2016 Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan Amended and Restated as of June 10, 2021 (the “Plan”). These shares are in addition to the shares previously registered on the Company’s Registration Statements on Form S-8 with respect to the Plan filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 16, 2016 (Registration Statement No. 333-212057 registering 7,500,000 shares) and on June 14, 2019 (Registration Statement No. 333-232111 registering 7,500,000 shares) (collectively, the “Prior Registration Statements”). This Registration Statement relates to securities of the same class as that to which the Prior Registration Statements relate.

(2) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this Registration Statement shall also cover an indeterminate amount of additional shares of Common Stock that may become issuable under the above-named plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock.

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) promulgated under the Securities Act on the basis of \$74.10 per share, the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on June 8, 2021, as reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed with the Commission are incorporated by reference herein:

- Our Annual Report on [Form 10-K](#) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020;
- Our Quarterly Report on [Form 10-Q](#) for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2021;
- Our Definitive Proxy Statement on [Schedule 14A](#) filed on April 20, 2021;
- Our Current Report on [Form 8-K](#) filed on June 11, 2021; and
- The description of our Common Stock, which is contained in our registration statement on [Form 8-A](#), filed with the Commission on February 20, 2004, pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), as updated by the description of the Common Stock included in [Exhibit 4.1](#) to the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed with the Commission on February 20, 2020, and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

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

Any statement contained herein or in a document, all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or amended, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Any documents or information “furnished” and not “filed” in accordance with the Commission rules shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law gives a corporation power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person’s conduct was unlawful.

Section 145 also gives a corporation power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper. Section 145 further provides that, to the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any such action, suit or proceeding, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

Section 145 also authorizes a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, arising out of such person’s status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under Section 145.

The Company’s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws provide for the indemnification of officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. The Company has also entered into an employment agreement with its President and Chief Executive Officer that requires the Company to indemnify the officer to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law.

All of the Company’s directors and officers are covered by insurance policies maintained by the Company against certain liabilities for actions taken in their capacities as such, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
5.1*	Opinion of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP regarding the legality of securities registered
23.1*	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
23.2*	Consent of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 to this Registration Statement)
24.1*	Power of Attorney (included in the signature page to this Registration Statement)
99.1	Blackbaud, Inc. 2016 Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan Amended and Restated as of June 10, 2021 (incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2021 Annual Meeting Schedule 14A (File No.: 000-50600), filed on April 20, 2021)

* Filed herewith

Item 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 of 1933;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

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

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such 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 being registered which 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 Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities 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 controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question 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.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, 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 the City of Charleston, State of South Carolina, on June 10, 2021.

BLACKBAUD, INC.

By: /S/ MICHAEL P GIANONI

Michael P. Gianoni

President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND SIGNATURES

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Messrs. Michael P. Gianoni, Anthony W. Boor and Jon W. Olson his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each acting alone, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, from such person and in each person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done.

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

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/S/ MICHAEL P. GIANONI</u> Michael P. Gianoni	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	June 10, 2021
<u>/S/ ANTHONY W. BOOR</u> Anthony W. Boor	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	June 10, 2021
<u>/S/ ANDREW M. LEITCH</u> Andrew M. Leitch	Chairman of the Board of Directors	June 10, 2021
<u>/S/ TIMOTHY CHOU</u> Timothy Chou	Director	June 10, 2021
<u>/S/ GEORGE H. ELLIS</u> George H. Ellis	Director	June 10, 2021
<u>/S/ THOMAS R. ERTEL</u> Thomas R. Ertel	Director	June 10, 2021
<u>/S/ SARAH E. NASH</u> Sarah E. Nash	Director	June 10, 2021
<u>/S/ JOYCE M. NELSON</u> Joyce M. Nelson	Director	June 10, 2021

June 11, 2021

Board of Directors
Blackbaud, Inc.
65 Fairchild Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29492

Re: Common Stock Issuable Under the Blackbaud, Inc. 2016 Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan Amended and Restated as of June 10, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as counsel to Blackbaud, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"), in connection with the preparation, execution, filing and processing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*"), pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*Act*"), of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "*Registration Statement*") relating to the issuance by the Company of 1,500,000 shares (the "*Shares*") of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "*Common Stock*"), pursuant to the Blackbaud, Inc. 2016 Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan Amended and Restated as of June 10, 2021 (the "*Plan*"). This opinion is furnished to you for filing with the Commission pursuant to Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or the related Prospectus, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the issuance of the Shares.

In our representation of the Company, we have examined the Registration Statement, the Plan, the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws, each as amended to date, certain actions of the Company's Board of Directors recorded in the Company's minute book and such other documents as we have considered necessary for purposes of rendering the opinion expressed below.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, we are of the opinion that (i) the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance, and (ii) subject to the Registration Statement becoming effective under the Act, compliance with any applicable Blue Sky laws and the issuance of the Shares in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, the Shares, when issued, will be legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable shares of Common Stock of the Company.

The opinions expressed herein are limited to the laws of the State of North Carolina, the Delaware General Corporation Law and applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting these laws and the Act.

We hereby consent to the use of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder. Our opinions expressed herein are as of the date hereof, and we undertake no obligation to advise you of any changes in applicable law or any other matters that may come to our attention after the date hereof that may affect our opinions expressed herein.

Very truly yours,

[RDH/JFR]

/s/ Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Blackbaud, Inc. of our report dated February 23, 2021 relating to the financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in Blackbaud, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Atlanta, GA
June 11, 2021