



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

June 4, 2021

Gregory Robertson
Chief Financial Officer
Business First Bancshares, Inc.
500 Laurel Street, Suite 101
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Re: Business First Bancshares, Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed May 28, 2021
File No. 333-256605

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Sonia Bednarowski at 202-551-3666 or Justin Dobbie, Legal Branch Chief, at 202-551-3469 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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