

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

November 6, 2024

Richard H. Moore Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board First Bancorp 300 SW Broad St. Southern Pines, NC 28387

> Re: First Bancorp Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A Filed March 20, 2024 File No. 000-15572

Dear Richard H. Moore:

We have completed our review of your filing. 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.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Disclosure Review Program