

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

January 22, 2025

Paul P. Egge Chief Financial Officer Stellar Bancorp, Inc. 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 110 Houston, Texas 77046

Re: Stellar Bancorp, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023

File No. 001-38280

Dear Paul P. Egge:

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 Office of Finance