

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan THE FIRST BANCSHARES, INC. PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 10/15/1996
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) THE FIRST BANCSHARES, INC. 6480 HWY 98 WEST P.O. BOX 15549 HATTIESBURG, MS 39404
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 64-0862173
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 601-450-8888
2d	Business code (see instructions) 522110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/03/2024	DEE DEE LOWERY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/03/2024	DEE DEE LOWERY
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 1368
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 1103 6a(2) 985 6b 0 6c 300 6d 1285 6e 0 6f 1285 6g(1) 943 6g(2) 1106 6h 84
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 64-0862173	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICAN
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	334598-01	43	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.
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(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end **4** 4042359**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end **5****6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier **6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
Specify nature of costs ▶**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT****b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 4050250**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)** 349453
(2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)** 0
(3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)** 51087
(4) Transferred from separate account **7c(4)** 288266
(5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)** 34067
▶(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 722873**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 4773123**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)** 540290(2) Administration charge made by carrier **7e(2)** 25(3) Transferred to separate account **7e(3)** 190450(4) Other (specify below) **7e(4)** 0
▶(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 730765**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 4042358

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
b ☐ Dental
c ☐ Vision
d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
f ☐ Long-term disability
g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
j ☐ HMO contract
k ☐ PPO contract
l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b

If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b)

Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

OF AMERICA
8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	91428	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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P.O. BOX 502533
SAN DIEGO, CA 92150

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	124244	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

NAIL MCKINNEY PROFESSIONAL

ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 196
TUPELO, MS 38802-0196

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	CONTRACT ADMIN	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	5000	Yes ☐ No ☒

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NAIL MCKINNEY PROFESSIONAL ASSOC.	13	50000

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA 8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111	TPA ALLOWANCE PAYMENT

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	48916	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	143321	
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	32010919	44379150
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	4050250	4042359
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	36253406	48421509
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k		0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	36253406	48421509

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	1440761	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	4858210	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	3191220	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		9490191
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	51088	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		51088
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1352240	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1352240
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		4608676
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		15502195

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3129735	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		3129735
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	204357	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		204357
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3334092

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		12168103
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **PLITZ, WILLIAMS, LAROSA AND CO.**

(2) EIN: **64-0767134**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		7000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan THE FIRST BANCSHARES, INC. PROFIT SHARING 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 64-0862173	

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 84-0467907		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6	a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
	b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
	c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.				
7	Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8	If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9	If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for: a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14a 14b 14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to: a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15a 15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year: a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16a 16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b): a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20. a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☒ No b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box: ☐ Yes. ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation: _____	

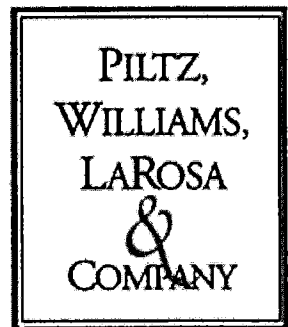
Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.	

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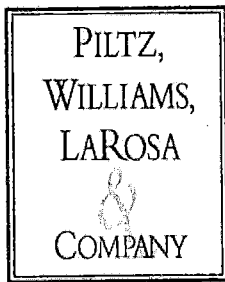
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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator
The First Bancshares, Inc.
Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of The First Bancshares, Inc. Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements (2023 Financial Statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of The First Bancshares, Inc. Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note C to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2023 Financial Statements section

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- the information in the accompanying 2023 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The First Bancshares, Inc. Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The First Bancshares, Inc. Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The First Bancshares, Inc. Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The First Bancshares, Inc. Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental

schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

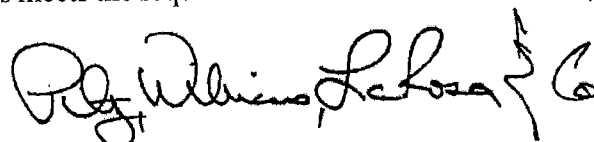
In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Other Matter

Auditor's Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2022 financial statements of The First Bancshares, Inc. Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated November 10, 2023, indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2022 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2022 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, was presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2022 supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Certified Public Accountants

Biloxi, Mississippi
October 11, 2024

The First Bancshares, Inc.
Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

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	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments		
Participant-directed investment accounts, at fair value	\$ 44,379,150	\$ 32,010,919
Participant-directed investment accounts, at contract value	4,041,009	4,050,250
Forfeiture asset holding account, at contract value	1,350	-
Total investments	<u>48,421,509</u>	<u>36,061,169</u>
Receivables		
Employer's contribution	-	48,916
Participants' contributions	-	143,321
Total receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>192,237</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 48,421,509</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 36,253,406</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

The First Bancshares, Inc.
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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

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	December 31, 2023
Additions to net assets	
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	\$ 1,403,328
Net change in fair value of investments	<u>4,608,676</u>
Total investment income	<u>6,012,004</u>
Contributions:	
Employers'	1,440,762
Participants'	4,858,209
Participants' rollovers	<u>3,191,220</u>
Total contributions	<u>9,490,191</u>
Deductions from net assets	
Distributions paid to participants	3,129,735
Administrative expenses	<u>204,357</u>
Total deductions	<u>3,334,092</u>
Net increase in Plan assets	12,168,103
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>36,253,406</u>
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 48,421,509</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

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Note A – Description of Plan

The following description of The First Bancshares, Inc. (Company) Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan (Plan), provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General – The Plan is a defined contribution profit-sharing plan covering substantially all employees of the Company who are age 21 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Secure 2.0 Act of 2022 was signed into law December 29, 2022. This legislation includes a vast array of provisional changes to retirement plans. Plan management is adopting any mandatory provisions as they become applicable and evaluating those provisions deemed discretionary

Contributions – Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of pretax eligible compensation as defined in the Plan, subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers various mutual funds and fixed annuities as investment options for participants. The Company's discretionary matching contribution is up to 50% of a participant's elective deferrals in an amount that does not exceed 6% of the participant's compensation. The matching contribution is invested as the participant directs.

Participant accounts – Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's matching contribution and (b) Plan earnings (losses) and charged with an allocation of any administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting – Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and vest in any employer matching or profit sharing contributions according to a vesting schedule, with full vesting occurring after six years of credited service.

Payment of benefits – Upon retirement, termination of employment with the Company, or death, participants or their beneficiaries receive the vested balance of their accounts in installments or a lump sum payment. A participant may withdraw a portion of his account in the event of financial hardship, as defined in the Plan.

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Forfeited accounts – At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$1,350 and \$118,160, respectively. During 2023, \$152,559 of these funds were used to fund employer match.

Note B – Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting – The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment valuation and income recognition – The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to a fully benefit responsive investment contract. The contract value is the relevant measurement since it represents the amount that the participant would receive if they were to initiate permitted withdrawal transactions under the terms of the plan.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of benefits – Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative expenses – Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company and are therefore excluded from these financial statements. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments. Fees for distributions to participants and fees for the administration of notes receivable from participants are also included in administrative expenses and charged directly to the associated participants' accounts.

Use of estimates – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

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Note C – Investments

Upon investment in the Plan, a participant may direct both employer and employee contributions into any of the investment options listed below. The following information has been certified by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Participant-directed investment accounts held by		
Empower Trust Company, LLC and		
Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America		
American Funds 2015 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	\$ 1,161,330	\$ 1,157,352
American Funds 2020 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	3,713,130	3,273,891
American Funds 2025 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	6,225,050	5,209,015
American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	6,957,523	4,367,038
American Funds 2035 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	5,249,748	3,895,392
American Funds 2040 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	4,517,158	3,216,277
American Funds 2045 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	3,314,319	2,477,479
American Funds 2050 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	1,556,439	1,026,092
American Funds 2055 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	1,384,798	814,845
American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	592,812	364,010
American Funds 2065 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	25,673	2,805
American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund R-6	440,825	328,170
American Funds Global Balanced Fund R-6	294,539	392,739
iShares MSCI EAFE International Index Fund K	136,772	135,779
Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund, Inc. U.S. Real Estate Portfolio I	158,890	104,295
Vanguard Small-Cap Growth Index Fund Admiral Shares	180,645	133,637
Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	444,303	334,651
Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	212,212	168,871
Empower T. Rowe Price Mid Cap Growth Fund Institutional	426,636	290,158
Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth Index Fund Admiral Shares	245,804	153,813
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	797,019	475,686
Vanguard Mid-Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	166,765	111,525
iShares S&P 500 Index Fund K	1,954,999	862,212
PRIMECAP Odyssey Stock Fund	198,026	98,804
T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund I	1,760,311	856,411
Vanguard Equity-Income Fund Admiral Shares	647,138	556,015
Vanguard LifeStrategy Growth Fund Investor Shares	267,882	181,335
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund Investor Shares	111,689	57,842
Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Growth Fund Investor Shares	579,132	492,959
Vanguard LifeStrategy Income Fund Investor Shares	96,740	30,222
PIMCO Income Fund Institutional	240,765	101,930
PGIM Short-Term Corporate Bond Fund R-6	91,580	99,856
PGIM Total Return Bond Fund R-6	162,266	154,358
Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund Admiral Shares	51,733	80,372
Western Asset Core Bond Fund IS	14,499	5,083
Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	4,042,359	4,050,250
Total	\$ 48,421,509	\$ 36,061,169
 Investment income	 \$ 6,012,004	

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Note D – Fair Value Measurements

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority. Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets (Level 1). Level 3 inputs are unobservable and have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value.

Level 1 Fair Value Measurements

Registered investment companies are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund, which represent the NAV of shares held by the Plan at year end. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

The following tables set forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Assets at Fair Value	
	Total	Level 1
December 31, 2023		
Registered investment companies	\$ 44,379,150	\$ 44,379,150
Total	<u>\$ 44,379,150</u>	<u>\$ 44,379,150</u>
December 31, 2022		
Registered investment companies	\$ 32,010,919	\$ 32,010,919
Total	<u>\$ 32,010,919</u>	<u>\$ 32,010,919</u>

Gains and losses included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, are reported in net change in fair value of investments.

Note E – Guaranteed Investment Contracts

The Plan holds a portfolio of investment contracts in the amounts of \$4,042,359 and \$4,050,250 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, that comprises a traditional investment contract. This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

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The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment. The contract issuer, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America, is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed by the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer. The crediting rate is reviewed on a monthly basis for resetting. The average yield and crediting interest rates were approximately 1% for 2023 and 1% for 2022.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA, or (5) termination of the contract. The Plan administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract with participants are probable of occurring.

Note F – Income Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the company by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Note G – Related Parties

Certain Plan investments held during the year are fixed annuity investments offered by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America, a recordkeeper, for the Plan; and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America for the year ended December 31, 2023 totaled \$80,113.

Additionally, the Plan paid fees to LPL Financial as an advisor to the Plan. These transactions also qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to LPL Financial for the year ended December 31, 2023 totaled \$124,244.

Members of management of the Plan sponsor are participating in the Plan. However, there are no transactions with individuals within this group other than their participation in the Plan. The Plan sponsor is absorbing part of the administrative cost of the Plan.

All of these party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

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Note H – Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of the Plan's termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

Note I – Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Note J – Plan Mergers

In April 2023, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Heritage Southeast Bancorporation. Employees of Heritage Southeast Bank became immediately eligible to participate in the Plan and could make rollover contributions to the Plan. Additionally, service with the prior employer was credited as credited service under the Plan.

Note K – Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 11, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplemental Information

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Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan
Form 5500

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN 64-0862173 – PN 001
December 31, 2023

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
American Funds 2015 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 97,427 shares	\$ 1,161,330
American Funds 2020 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 284,968 shares	3,713,130
American Funds 2025 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 424,918 shares	6,225,050
American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 428,947 shares	6,957,523
American Funds 2035 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 297,436 shares	5,249,748
American Funds 2040 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 243,119 shares	4,517,158
American Funds 2045 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 173,798 shares	3,314,319
American Funds 2050 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 83,010 shares	1,556,439
American Funds 2055 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 58,554 shares	1,384,798
American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 37,005 shares	592,812
American Funds 2065 Target Date Retirement Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 1,652 shares	25,673
American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 8,059 shares	440,825
American Funds Global Balanced Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 8,107 shares	294,539
iShares MSCI EAFE International Index Fund K	Mutual Fund, 8,992 shares	136,772
Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund, Inc. U.S. Real Estate Portfolio I	Mutual Fund, 17,813 shares	158,890
Vanguard Small-Cap Growth Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund, 2,126 shares	180,645
Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund, 4,348 shares	444,303
Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund, 2,744 shares	212,212
* Empower T. Rowe Price Mid Cap Growth Fund Institutional	Mutual Fund, 69,940 shares	426,636
Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund, 2,600 shares	245,804
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund, 2,767 shares	797,019
Vanguard Mid-Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund, 2,221 shares	166,765
iShares S&P 500 Index Fund K	Mutual Fund, 3,498 shares	1,954,999
PRIMECAP Odyssey Stock Fund	Mutual Fund, 5,645 shares	198,026
T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund I	Mutual Fund, 11,724 shares	1,760,311
Vanguard Equity-Income Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund, 7,679 shares	647,138
Vanguard LifeStrategy Growth Fund Investor Shares	Mutual Fund, 6,464 shares	267,882

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

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Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund Investor Shares	Mutual Fund, 5,483 shares	111,689
Vanguard LifeStrategy Moderate Growth Fund Investor Shares	Mutual Fund, 19,019 shares	579,132
Vanguard LifeStrategy Income Fund Investor Shares	Mutual Fund, 6,377 shares	96,740
PIMCO Income Fund Institutional	Mutual Fund, 22,671 shares	240,765
PGIM Short-Term Corporate Bond Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 8,722 shares	91,580
PGIM Total Return Bond Fund R-6	Mutual Fund, 13,455 shares	162,266
Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund, 2,246 shares	51,733
Western Asset Core Bond Fund IS	Mutual Fund, 1,343 shares	14,499
Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	Fixed Annuities	4,042,359

* Represents a party-in-interest

All investments are participant directed.

See independent auditors' report.

E-SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

for

The First Bancshares, Inc. Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan

64-0862173/001

For Plan Year 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2023

I/We, the undersigned, understand that a 5500 Series filing for the plan listed above must be prepared, electronically signed and electronically transmitted to the EBSA Electronic Filing Acceptance System (EFAST).

I/We authorize T.E. Lott & Company to electronically sign the 5500 Series filing on my/our behalf and to transmit that signed form to EFAST on or before the filing due date.

I/We understand that by granting this authority:

- A manually signed and dated Form 5500 that has been provided must be returned to T.E. Lott & Company before they can begin the electronic filing process. I/We will retain a copy of this manually signed form and any schedules and attachments in the plan records.
- T.E. Lott & Company will not be responsible for any late filing penalty assessed under ERISA should I/we not return the manually signed and dated Form 5500 prior to the filing due date.
- An electronic copy of the manually signed and dated Form 5500 showing my/our signatures will be included in the electronic filing and will be posted by the EBSA to the Internet for public disclosure.
- T.E. Lott & Company will maintain a copy of this written authorization in its records.
- T.E. Lott & Company will notify all signers about any inquiries and correspondence it receives about this filing from EFAST, EBSA, IRS or PBGC.
- T.E. Lott & Company shall not be deemed to be a plan fiduciary with respect to this plan solely on account of providing the electronic signature and filing of the 5500 for the plan year listed above.



Plan Administrator
10/3/24

Date



Plan Sponsor
10/3/24

Date

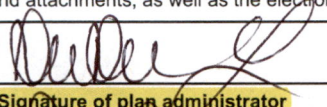
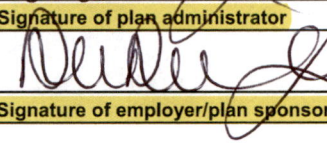
Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information		
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2023</u> and ending <u>12/31/2023</u>		
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan;	☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
	☒ a single-employer plan;	☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report;	☐ the final return/report;
	☐ an amended return/report;	☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here	☐	
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558;	☐ automatic extension;
	☐ special extension (enter description)	☐ the DFVC program;
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here	☐	

Part II Basic Plan Information --- enter all requested information		
1a Name of plan <u>The First Bancshares, Inc. Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
	1c Effective date of plan	<u>10/15/1996</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (If foreign, see instructions) <u>The First Bancshares, Inc.</u> 6480 Hwy 98 West P.O. Box 15549 US Hattiesburg MS 39404	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>64-0862173</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>(601) 450-8888</u>
	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522110</u>	

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE		<u>10/3/24</u>	Dee Dee Lowery
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		<u>10/3/24</u>	Dee Dee Lowery
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN and the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 1,368
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c, and 6d).	
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	6a(1) 1,103
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2) 985
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c 300
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c	6d 1,285
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f 1,285
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(1) 943
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(2) 1,106
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h 84
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	(1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) - Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information - Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) - Number Attached 1
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III**Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) . . ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

Schedule H, line 4i

Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

For the plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

Name of plan

The First Bancshares, Inc. Profit Sharing 401(k) Plan

Employer Identification Number

64-0862173

Three-digit
plan number

001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	AF 2015 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		1,161,330
*	AF 2020 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		3,713,130
*	AF 2025 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		6,225,050
*	AF 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		6,957,523
*	AF 2035 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		5,249,748
*	AF 2040 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		4,517,158
*	AF 2045 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		3,314,319
*	AF 2050 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		1,556,439
*	AF 2055 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		1,384,798
*	AF 2060 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		592,812
*	AF 2065 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund		25,673
*	AF Europacific Gr R6	Mutual Fund		440,825
*	AF Global Balanced R6	Mutual Fund		294,539
*	Empower T. Rowe Price Mid Cap	Mutual Fund		426,636
*	IShares Msci Eafe Int Index K	Mutual Fund		136,772
*	IShares S&P 500 Index K	Mutual Fund		1,954,999
*	Morgan Stanley Inst US Real Es	Mutual Fund		158,890
*	PGIM Short Term Corp Bd R6	Mutual Fund		91,580
*	PGIM Total Return Bond R6	Mutual Fund		162,266
*	PIMCO Income Instl	Mutual Fund		240,765
*	Primecap Odyssey Stock	Mutual Fund		198,026
*	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Gr I	Mutual Fund		1,760,311
*	Vanguard Equity Income Adm	Mutual Fund		647,138
*	Vanguard Inflation Protected	Mutual Fund		51,733
*	Vanguard LS Cnsrv Gr Inv	Mutual Fund		111,689
*	Vanguard LS Growth Inv	Mutual Fund		267,882
*	Vanguard LS Income Inv	Mutual Fund		96,740
*	Vanguard LS Moderate Growth	Mutual Fund		579,132
*	Vanguard Mid Cap Ind Fund Adm	Mutual Fund		797,019
*	Vanguard Mid Cap Gr Ind Admir	Mutual Fund		245,804
*	Vanguard Mid Cap Value Ind Adm	Mutual Fund		166,765
*	Vanguard Small Cap Gr Ind Admi	Mutual Fund		180,645
*	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	Mutual Fund		444,303
*	Vanguard Sm Cap Value Ind Admi	Mutual Fund		212,212
*	Western Asset Core Bond IS	Mutual Fund		14,499
*	Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund	Fixed Annuity		4,042,359