



## OKLAHOMA STATE ELECTION BOARD

### DECLARATION OF ELECTION EMERGENCY 2026-02

**WHEREAS** on or about Monday, March 23, 2026, the Secretary of the Carter County Election Board was notified that damage occurred at a polling place in Carter County, Oklahoma, causing the need to relocate the polling place located at Springdale Community Center, 2811 Springdale Road Ardmore, Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS** this location serves as a polling place for Precinct 15 in Carter County; and

**WHEREAS** voting cannot occur at this location due to the damage to the property.

**WHEREAS** the Carter County Election Board Secretary has requested to temporarily relocate the polling place for Precinct 15 to a temporary location at Mary Niblack Baptist Church, 898 Mary Niblack Road in Ardmore, Oklahoma for the election being held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Paul Ziriaux, Secretary of the State Election Board, pursuant to the power vested in me by Paragraph 1 of Subsection A of Section 22-101 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes hereby declare and order the following:

1. An election emergency exists in Precinct 15 in Carter County for the election being held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 because it is less than thirty (30) days from the date of an election. See 26 O.S. § 3-118.
2. The Secretary of the Carter County Election Board is authorized to temporarily relocate the polling place for Precinct 15 to Mary Niblack Baptist Church, 898 Mary Niblack Road in Ardmore, Oklahoma.
3. The County Election Board Secretary shall make every reasonable effort to notify the public and local news media of the relocation of the polling place for Precinct 15.
3. The inspectors, judges, clerks, and other precinct officials assigned to Precinct 15 for the election held on April 7, 2026 (if needed), relocate the necessary voting equipment, ballots, and materials in order to conduct voting for this precinct to Mary Niblack Baptist Church, 898 Mary Niblack Road in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Copies of this Declaration of Election Emergency shall be posted on the State Election Board website, <http://oklahoma.gov/elections>.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the State Election Board to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 25 day of March, 2026.

Paul Ziriak

PAUL ZIRIAX  
SECRETARY  
STATE ELECTION BOARD

ATTEST:

Sierra Jones

Notary Public

My Commission expires on: 05/23/28

