

# FORM 4

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person</b>  <b>Walsh Elizabeth L.</b> <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>  <b>1300 KINGS MOUNTAIN RD.</b> <small>(Street)</small>  <b>MARTINSVILLE, VA 24112</b> <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>Carter Bankshares, Inc. [ CARE ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>1/30/2026</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								4,769	I	by Carriage Square
Common Stock								367,771	I	by EASG, LLC
Common Stock								16,000	I	by Lester Family Holdings
Common Stock	1/30/2026		G		900	D	\$0	54,178	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Gifted to Mother

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Walsh Elizabeth L. 1300 KINGS MOUNTAIN RD. MARTINSVILLE, VA 24112	X			

**Signatures**

/s/ Lisa J. Correll, Attorney-in-fact                      2/2/2026  
Signature of Reporting Person    Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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## SECTION 16 POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Elizabeth L. Walsh, do hereby constitute and appoint Abigail E. McGuire, Lisa J. Correll, K. Jill Milner and Jessica R. Sikes my true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, any of whom acting singly is hereby authorized, for me and in my name and on my behalf as a director, officer and/or shareholder of Carter Bankshares, Inc., to (i) prepare, execute in my name and on my behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including any necessary amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain or update codes and passwords enabling me to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any rule or regulation of the SEC in respect thereof; and (ii) prepare, execute and file any and all forms, instruments or documents, including any necessary amendments thereto, as such attorneys or attorney deems necessary or advisable to enable me to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any rule or regulation of the SEC in respect thereof (collectively, "Section 16").

I do hereby ratify and confirm all acts my said attorney shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. I acknowledge that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, serving in such capacity at my request, are not assuming, nor is Carter Bankshares, Inc. assuming, any of my responsibilities to comply with Section 16.

This power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until it is revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact or the undersigned is no longer required to comply with Section 16, whichever occurs first.

WITNESS the execution hereof this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Elizabeth L. Walsh



