III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act [23] and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4 [24] thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

• Use the Commission's internet comment form (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or

• Send an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov.* Please include file number SR–TXSE–2026–018 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR–TXSE–2026–018. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR–TXSE–2026–018 and should be submitted on or before September 1, 2026.

[23] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

[24] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[25]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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[25] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–106049; File No. SR–PEARL–2026–37]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX PEARL, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Exchange Rule 3100, Interpretation and Policy .06, To Reduce the Waiting Periods for Retaking FINRA Qualification Examinations

August 6, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'') [1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on August 6, 2026, MIAX PEARL, LLC (''MIAX Pearl'' or ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 3100, Interpretation and Policy .06, to reduce the waiting periods for retaking FINRA qualification examinations.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at *https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/pearl-options/rule-filings,* and at Exchange's principal office.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 3100, Interpretation and Policy .06, to reduce the waiting periods for retaking FINRA qualification examinations.

In general, the Exchange's current rules require that persons engaged in a Member's [3] securities business who are to function as representatives [4] or principals [5] register with the Exchange in each category of registration appropriate to their functions by passing one or more qualification examinations [6] and exempt specified associated persons from the registration requirements.[7]

Current Exchange Rule 3100, Interpretation and Policy .06, provides that ''[a]ny person who fails to pass a qualification examination prescribed by the Exchange shall be permitted to take that examination again after a period of 30 calendar days has elapsed from the

[3] The term ''Member'' means an individual or organization that is registered with the Exchange pursuant to Chapter II of these Rules for purposes of trading on the Exchange as an ''Electronic Exchange Member'' or ''Market Maker.'' Members are deemed ''members'' under the Exchange Act. *See* Exchange Rule 100.

[4] A ''representative'' is any person associated with a Member, including assistant officers other than principals, who is engaged in the Member's securities business, such as supervision, solicitation, conduct of business in securities or the training of persons associated with a Member for any of these functions. *See* Exchange Rule 3101.

[5] A ''principal'' is any person associated with a Member, including, but not limited to, sole proprietor, officer, partner, manager of office of supervisory jurisdiction, director or other person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions, who is actively engaged in the management of the Member's securities business, such as supervision, solicitation, conduct of business in securities or the training of persons associated with a Member for any of these functions. Such persons shall include, among other persons, a Member's chief executive officer and chief financial officer (or equivalent officers). A ''principal'' also includes any other person associated with a Member who is performing functions or carrying out responsibilities that are required to be performed or carried out by a principal under Exchange rules. *See* Exchange Rule 3101.

[6] *See* Exchange Rule 3101, Registration Categories, and Exchange Rule 1302, Registration of Representatives. The Exchange notes that the rules contained in Chapter XIII of the rulebook of Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC, including Rule 1302, are incorporated by reference into MIAX Pearl Chapter XIII, and are thus MIAX Pearl Rules and thereby applicable to MIAX Pearl Members.

[7] *See* Exchange Rule 3102, Associated Persons Exempt from Registration.

date of such person's last attempt to pass that examination, except that any person who fails to pass an examination three or more times in succession within a two-year period shall be prohibited from again taking that examination until a period of 180 calendar days has elapsed from the date of such person's last attempt to pass that examination. The waiting periods for retaking a failed examination shall apply to the SIE and the representative and principal examinations specified under Rule 3101.'' In 2020, the Exchange adopted current Exchange Rule 3100, Interpretation and Policy .06, in response to the FINRA rule changes.[8] The Exchange notes that current Exchange Rule 3100, Interpretation and Policy .06, is substantively similar to FINRA Rule 1210.06.[9]

On June 29, 2026, FINRA filed to shorten the required qualification examination retake waiting periods to 15 days after the first and second failed attempts, and 60 days after the third and all subsequent failed attempts that occur within a two-year period.[10] The Exchange proposes to align the Exchange's requirement with FINRA's by establishing uniform qualification examination retake waiting periods.

The Exchange believes that as a result of the changes to the qualification program that have occurred since the implementation of the current retake waiting periods provided in the FINRA filing, shortening the waiting periods in this manner would lessen the burden on individuals who are trying to register to begin their employment in the securities industry while also continuing to protect investors by maintaining appropriate program integrity.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,[11] in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,[12] in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) [13] requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers, because the rule applies uniformly to all Members and does not unfairly discriminate against any Member or type of market participant. The Exchange also believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(1) of the Act,[14] which provides that the Exchange be organized and have the capacity to be able to carry out the purposes of the Act and to enforce compliance by the Exchange's Members and persons associated with its Members with the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange.

In particular, the proposed rule change to shorten the waiting periods for retaking FINRA qualification examinations will lessen the burden on individuals who are trying to register to begin their employment in the securities industry while also continuing to protect investors by maintaining appropriate program integrity. The proposal would align the Exchange's requirement with FINRA's by establishing uniform qualification examination retake waiting periods.[15] This proposal would avoid potentially different requirements for members of both FINRA and the Exchange with respect to qualification examination retake waiting periods.

The proposed changes will provide greater harmonization between Exchange and FINRA rules of similar purpose, resulting in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for dual members. As previously noted, the proposed rule text is substantially similar to FINRA's rule text. The proposal is based on a proposal that FINRA filed with the Commission for immediate effectiveness, and therefore, does not raise any new or novel issues, not already considered by the Commission.[16]

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issues but rather is designed to provide greater harmonization between Exchange and FINRA rules of similar purpose for qualification examination retake waiting periods, resulting in less burdensome and more efficient regulatory compliance for dual members.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act [17] and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder.[18]

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the

[8] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87941 (January 10, 2020), 85 FR 2784 (January 16, 2020) (SR–PEARL–2020–01) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend, Reorganize and Enhance Its Membership, Registration and Qualification Rules and Consolidate These Rules Into New Chapter XXXI Registration, Qualification and Continuing Education); *see also* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81098 (July 7, 2017), 82 FR 32419 (July 13, 2017) (SR–FINRA–2017–007) (Order Approving Proposed Rule Change to Adopt Consolidated Registration Rules, Restructure the Representative-Level Qualification Examination Program, Allow Permissive Registration, Establish Exam Waiver Process for Persons Working for Financial Services Affiliate of Member, and Amend the Continuing Education Requirements); *see also* FINRA Regulatory Notice 17–30 (SEC Approves Consolidated FINRA Registration Rules, Restructured Representative-Level Qualification Examinations and Changes to Continuing Education Requirements) (October 2017). FINRA articulated its belief that the proposed rule change would streamline, and bring consistency and uniformity to, its registration rules, which would, in turn, assist FINRA members and their associated persons in complying with the rules and improve regulatory efficiency. FINRA also determined to enhance the overall efficiency of its representative-level examinations program by eliminating redundancy of subject matter content across examinations, retiring several outdated representative-level registrations, and introducing a general knowledge examination that could be taken by all potential representative-level registrants and the general public. FINRA amended certain aspects of its continuing education rule, including by codifying existing guidance regarding the effect of failing to complete the Regulatory Element on a registered person's activities and compensation.

[9] *See* FINRA Rule 1210, Registration Requirements, *https://www.finra.org/rules-guidance/rulebooks/finra-rules/1210.*

[10] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 105885 (July 13, 2026), 91 FR 43678 (July 16, 2026) (SR–FINRA–2026–014) (the ''FINRA Filing'').

[11] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

[12] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[13] *Id.*

[14] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(1).

[15] *See supra* note 10.

[16] *See id.*

[17] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

[18] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).

Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)[19] of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

• Use the Commission's internet comment form (*https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*); or

• Send an email to *rule-comments@sec.gov.* Please include file number SR–PEARL–2026–37 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to file number SR–PEARL–2026–37. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (*https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR–PEARL–2026–37 and should be submitted on or before September 1, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[20]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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[19] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

[20] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–106053; File No. SR–FICC–2026–008]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Partial Amendment No. 1, To Establish a Guaranty Fund at the Government Securities Division

August 6, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'')[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on July 24, 2026, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (''FICC'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') proposed rule change SR–FICC–2026–008. On August 4, 2026, FICC filed Partial Amendment No. 1 to make clarifications and corrections to the proposed rule change.[3] The proposed rule change, as modified by Partial Amendment No. 1 (hereinafter, the ''Proposed Rule Change''), is described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by the clearing agency. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the Proposed Rule Change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Proposed Rule Change consists of modifications to FICC's Government Securities Division (''GSD'') Rulebook (''GSD Rules'')[4] in connection with the proposed establishment of a guaranty fund designed to cover losses that may arise due to a Member default or a non-default loss event (''Guaranty Fund'').

II. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the clearing agency included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the Proposed Rule Change and discussed any comments it received on the Proposed Rule Change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The clearing agency has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

(A) Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Executive Summary

FICC, through GSD and the Mortgage-Backed Securities Division (''MBSD'') (each a ''Division'' and together the ''Divisions''), serves as a central counterparty (''CCP'') and provider of clearance and settlement services for fixed income transactions. FICC–GSD, specifically, provides CCP services in U.S. government securities, as well as repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions involving U.S. government securities.[5]

FICC proposes to establish a Guaranty Fund at GSD, which would be designed to cover and mutualize the risk of losses that may occur as a result of (i) a Defaulting Member Event[6] under a wide range of foreseeable stress scenarios or (ii) a Declared Non-Default Loss Event.[7]

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] Partial Amendment No. 1 made certain changes the description of the proposed rule change. Specifically, Partial Amendment No. 1 corrects certain figures in the description of the proposed rule change regarding the anticipated impact on FICC's Members for the average overall Guaranty Fund size. Additionally, Partial Amendment No. 1 clarifies certain statements regarding the effects on Member Backtesting Charges had the proposed changes been in place during the period of the Backtesting Study. These clarifications and corrections have been incorporated, as appropriate, into the description of the proposed rule change in Item II below. FICC filed the proposed rule change as an advance notice (SR–FICC–2026–802) with the Commission pursuant to Section 806(e)(1) of Title VIII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act entitled the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010 (''Clearing Supervision Act'') and Rule 19b–4 under the Act, 17 CFR 240.19b–4. A copy of the advance notice is *available at www.dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings.* On August 4, 2026, FICC filed Partial Amendment No. 1 to the advance notice to make the same clarifications and corrections to the advance notice as Partial Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.

[4] Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in the GSD Rules, *available at www.dtcc.com/~/media/Files/Downloads/legal/rules/ficc_gov_rules.pdf.*

[5] GSD also clears and settles certain transactions on securities issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies and government sponsored enterprises.

[6] A ''Defaulting Member Event'' is defined in the GSD Rules as a determination by FICC to cease to act for a Member pursuant to GSD Rule 21 or Rule 22. *See* Section 7 of GSD Rule 4 (Clearing Fund and Loss Allocation), *supra* note 4. These GSD Rules provide that FICC's Board of Directors may suspend a Member or prohibit or limit a Member's access to FICC's services in enumerated circumstances; this includes, among other things, a default in delivering funds or securities to FICC, a Member insolvency or a Member experiencing such financial or operational difficulties that FICC determines, in its discretion, that restriction on access to services is necessary for its protection and for the protection of its membership. *See* GSD Rule 21 (Restrictions on Access to Services) and GSD Rule 22 (Insolvency of a Member), *supra* note 4.

[7] A ''Declared Non-Default Loss Event'' is a determination by the FICC Board of Directors that a loss or liability incident to the clearance and settlement business of FICC may be a significant