parties who prefer the Short List Option, as those who favor previously-ranked arbitrators or extended list appointments would have to reach agreement to use those alternatives.

Parties would incur costs to review the arbitrators on new lists or lists under the Short List Option and make selections, particularly when timeframes are compressed. The types of costs parties may incur depend on how they manage resources to meet deadlines (*e.g.,* reallocating resources from other activities or employing additional staff). Parties that would not have agreed to use new lists or the Short List Option under the baseline, and are required to use them under the proposed rule change, would bear these costs involuntarily.

In addition, at initial panel appointment, cases with multiple separately represented parties (each with a full set of strikes) are more likely to eliminate too many arbitrators to fill a panel. Parties in these cases would be more likely to receive new lists and have delays in completing the initial panel appointment and longer proceedings. These costs are not attributable to the proposed rule change when, under the baseline, parties would have voluntarily agreed to use new lists.

As noted above, the expanded use of new lists and the current voluntary Short List Option would generally result in different, but not additional, arbitrator appointments. Arbitrators more likely to be selected using a new list or the current voluntary Short List Option may benefit from additional selections. The benefits from additional selections include experience as well as supplemental income from serving on panels. The benefits that may accrue to arbitrators are not new but instead represent transfers from arbitrators who would have been appointed under the baseline. A potential unintended consequence is that some arbitrators, such as those with less experience, may have fewer opportunities to serve if extended list appointments are reduced. However, the data suggests that extended list appointments under the baseline represent only one percent of all appointments, limiting potential impacts on arbitrator opportunity distribution.

Finally, the proposed rule change would codify the current expectations of parties and the forum that replacement arbitrators review case records and the expectation by replacement arbitrators of compensation for that review. Together, this may help ensure that replacement arbitrators both understand their responsibilities and are appropriately incentivized to fulfill them following appointment.

Alternatives Considered

Depending on the hearing schedule, FINRA considered providing lists of more than five arbitrators under the Proposed Short List Option. This would increase the costs parties incur to review the arbitrators and make selections under the Proposed Short List Option but would not materially affect their input over panel composition. FINRA also considered whether to maintain extended list appointments for initial panel selections rather than providing new lists. Parties expressed concerns about the limited role they have in arbitrator selection under extended list appointments, however, and providing new lists would address these concerns while maintaining an efficient process.

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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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–FINRA–2026–017 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–FINRA–2026–017. 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 FINRA. 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–FINRA–2026–017 and should be submitted on or before September 18, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[54]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Program for Allocation of Regulatory Responsibilities Pursuant to Rule 17d–2; Notice of Filing and Order Approving and Declaring Effective an Amendment to the Plan for the Allocation of Regulatory Responsibilities Among Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., BOX Exchange, LLC, Cboe Exchange, Inc., Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., Nasdaq ISE, LLC, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, Nasdaq Texas LLC, Nasdaq PHLX LLC, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC, Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Nasdaq MRX, LLC, MIAX PEARL, LLC, MIAX Emerald, LLC, MIAX Sapphire, LLC, MEMX LLC, MX2 LLC and Investors Exchange LLC Concerning Options-Related Sales Practice Matters

August 25, 2026.

Notice is hereby given that the Securities and Exchange Commission

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[54] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

(''Commission'') has issued an Order, pursuant to Section 17(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act''),[1] approving and declaring effective an amendment to the plan for allocating regulatory responsibility (''Plan'') filed on August 5, 2026, pursuant to Rule 17d–2 of the Act,[2] by Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (''BZX''), BOX Exchange, LLC (''BOX''), Cboe Exchange, Inc., Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. (''C2''), Nasdaq ISE, LLC (''ISE''), Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (''FINRA''), Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (''MIAX''), The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq''), Nasdaq Texas LLC (''Nasdaq Texas''), NYSE American LLC (''NYSE American''), NYSE Arca, Inc. (''NYSE Arca''), Nasdaq PHLX LLC (''PHLX''), Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (''GEMX''), Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (''EDGX''), Nasdaq MRX, LLC (''MRX''), MIAX PEARL, LLC (''MIAX PEARL''), MIAX Emerald, LLC (''MIAX Emerald''), MIAX Sapphire, LLC (''MIAX Sapphire''), MEMX LLC (''MEMX''), MX2 LLC (''MX2'') and Investors Exchange (''IEX'') (collectively, ''Participating Organizations'' or ''parties'').

I. Introduction

Section 19(g)(1) of the Act,[3] among other things, requires every self-regulatory organization (''SRO'') registered as either a national securities exchange or national securities association to examine for, and enforce compliance by, its members and persons associated with its members with the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the SRO's own rules, unless the SRO is relieved of this responsibility pursuant to Section 17(d)[4] or Section 19(g)(2)[5] of the Act. Without this relief, the statutory obligation of each individual SRO could result in a pattern of multiple examinations of broker-dealers that maintain memberships in more than one SRO (''common members''). Such regulatory duplication would add unnecessary expenses for common members and their SROs.

Section 17(d)(1) of the Act[6] was intended, in part, to eliminate unnecessary multiple examinations and regulatory duplication.[7] With respect to a common member, Section 17(d)(1) authorizes the Commission, by rule or order, to relieve an SRO of the responsibility to receive regulatory reports, to examine for and enforce compliance with applicable statutes, rules, and regulations, or to perform other specified regulatory functions.

To implement Section 17(d)(1), the Commission adopted two rules: Rule 17d–1 and Rule 17d–2 under the Act.[8] Rule 17d–1 authorizes the Commission to name a single SRO as the designated examining authority (''DEA'') to examine common members for compliance with the financial responsibility requirements imposed by the Act, or by Commission or SRO rules.[9] When an SRO has been named as a common member's DEA, all other SROs to which the common member belongs are relieved of the responsibility to examine the firm for compliance with the applicable financial responsibility rules. On its face, Rule 17d–1 deals only with an SRO's obligations to enforce member compliance with financial responsibility requirements. Rule 17d–1 does not relieve an SRO from its obligation to examine a common member for compliance with its own rules and provisions of the federal securities laws governing matters other than financial responsibility, including sales practices and trading activities and practices.

To address regulatory duplication in these and other areas, the Commission adopted Rule 17d–2 under the Act.[10] Rule 17d–2 permits SROs to propose joint plans for the allocation of regulatory responsibilities with respect to their common members. Under paragraph (c) of Rule 17d–2, the Commission may declare such a plan effective if, after providing for notice and comment, it determines that the plan is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors, to foster cooperation and coordination among the SROs, to remove impediments to, and foster the development of, a national market system and a national clearance and settlement system, and is in conformity with the factors set forth in Section 17(d) of the Act. Commission approval of a plan filed pursuant to Rule 17d–2 relieves an SRO of those regulatory responsibilities allocated by the plan to another SRO.

II. The Plan

On September 8, 1983, the Commission approved the SRO participants' plan for allocating regulatory responsibilities pursuant to Rule 17d–2.[11] On May 23, 2000, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan that added the ISE as a participant.[12] On November 8, 2002, the Commission approved another amendment that replaced the original plan in its entirety and, among other things, allocated regulatory responsibilities among all the participants in a more equitable manner.[13] On February 5, 2004, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan, primarily to include the BSE, which was establishing a new options trading facility to be known as BOX, as an SRO participant.[14] On March 26, 2007, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan that, among other things, provided that the National Association of Securities Dealers (''NASD'') (n/k/a FINRA) and NYSE are Designated Options Examining Authorities under the plan.[15] On March 12, 2008, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan primarily to add NASDAQ as an SRO participant.[16] On June 18, 2008, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan primarily to remove the NYSE as a Designated Options Examining Authority, leaving FINRA as the sole Designated Options Examining Authority for all common members that are members of FINRA.[17] On February 25, 2010, the Commission approved a proposed amendment to the plan to add Bats and C2 as SRO participants and to reflect the name changes of the American Stock Exchange LLC to the NYSE Amex LLC, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc., to the NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. and the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. to the NASDAQ OMX PHLX, Inc.[18] On May 11, 2012, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan to add BOX as an SRO participant and to amend Section XIII of

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78q(d).

[2] 17 CFR 240.17d–2.

[3] 15 U.S.C. 78s(g)(1).

[4] 15 U.S.C. 78q(d).

[5] 15 U.S.C. 78s(g)(2).

[6] 15 U.S.C. 78q(d)(1).

[7] *See* Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Report of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to Accompany S. 249, S. Rep. No. 94–75, 94th Cong., 1st Session 32 (1975).

[8] 17 CFR 240.17d–1 and 17 CFR 240.17d–2, respectively.

[9] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 12352 (April 20, 1976), 41 FR 18808 (May 7, 1976).

[10] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 12935 (October 28, 1976), 41 FR 49091 (November 8, 1976).

[11] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 20158 (September 8, 1983), 48 FR 41256 (September 14, 1983).

[12] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42816 (May 23, 2000), 65 FR 34759 (May 31, 2000).

[13] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 46800 (November 8, 2002), 67 FR 69774 (November 19, 2002).

[14] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49197 (February 5, 2004), 69 FR 7046 (February 12, 2004).

[15] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55532 (March 26, 2007), 72 FR 15729 (April 2, 2007).

[16] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57481 (March 12, 2008), 73 FR 14507 (March 18, 2008).

[17] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57987 (June 18, 2008), 73 FR 36156 (June 25, 2008).

[18] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61589 (February 25, 2012), 75 FR 9976 (March 4, 2010).

the plan to set forth a revised procedure for adding new participants to the plan.[19] On December 5, 2012, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan to add MIAX as an SRO participant, and to change the name of NYSE Amex LLC to NYSE MKT LLC.[20] On July 26, 2013, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan to add Topaz Exchange LLC as an SRO participant.[21] On October 29, 2015, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan to add EDGX as an SRO participant and to change the name of Topaz Exchange, LLC to ISE Gemini, LLC.[22] On February 16, 2016, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan to add ISE Mercury, and remove the NYSE, as an SRO participant to the Plan.[23] On February 2, 2017, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan to add MIAX PEARL as an SRO participant to the Plan.[24] On February 12, 2019, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan to add MIAX Emerald as an SRO participant to the Plan.[25] On October 18, 2022, the Commission approved an amendment to the plan to add MEMX as a Participant to the Plan to accommodate the launch of MEMX's options facility, to reflect name changes of certain Participating Organizations, and to reflect updated rule citations.[26] On July 31, 2024, Commission approved an amendment to add MIAX Sapphire as a Participant to the Plan.[27]

The plan reduces regulatory duplication for a large number of firms currently members of two or more of the SRO participants by allocating regulatory responsibility for certain options-related sales practice matters to one of the SRO participants. Generally, under the plan, the SRO participant responsible for conducting options-related sales practice examinations of a firm, and investigating options-related customer complaints and terminations for cause of associated persons of that firm, is known as the firm's ''Designated Options Examining Authority'' (''DOEA''). Pursuant to the plan, any other SRO of which the firm is a member is relieved of these responsibilities during the period in which the firm is assigned to another SRO acting as that firm's DOEA.

III. Proposed Amendment to the Plan

On August 5, 2026, the Parties submitted a proposed amendment to the Plan. The primary purpose of the amendment is to add MX2 and IEX as Participants to the Plan, and to reflect the name change of Nasdaq BX, Inc. to Nasdaq Texas LLC. The text of the proposed amended 17d–2 plan is as follows (additions are *italicized*; deletions are [bracketed]):

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Agreement by and among Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., BOX Exchange, LLC, Cboe Exchange, Inc., Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., Nasdaq ISE, LLC, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, Nasdaq *Texas, LLC* [BX, Inc.], Nasdaq PHLX LLC, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC, Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Nasdaq MRX, LLC, MIAX PEARL, LLC, MIAX Emerald, LLC, MIAX Sapphire, LLC, [and] MEMX LLC, *MX2 LLC and Investors Exchange LLC* Pursuant to Rule 17d–2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This agreement (''Agreement''), by and among Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (''BZX''), BOX Exchange, LLC, Cboe Exchange, Inc., Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., Nasdaq ISE, LLC *(''ISE'')*, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (''FINRA''), Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (''MIAX''), The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq''), Nasdaq *Texas, LLC (''Nasdaq Texas'')* [BX, Inc. (''BX'')], NYSE American LLC (''NYSE American''), NYSE Arca, Inc. (''NYSE Arca''), Nasdaq PHLX LLC (''PHLX''), Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (''GEMX''), Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (''EDGX''), Nasdaq MRX, LLC (''MRX''), MIAX PEARL, LLC (''MIAX PEARL''), MIAX Emerald, LLC (''MIAX Emerald''), MIAX Sapphire, LLC (''MIAX Sapphire''), [and] *MEMX LLC (''MEMX''), MX2 LLC (''MX2'') and Investors Exchange (''IEX'')* hereinafter collectively referred to as the Participants, is made this *4th* [18th] day of *August, 2026* [July, 2024], pursuant to the provisions of Rule 17d–2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the ''Exchange Act''), which allows for plans among self-regulatory organizations to allocate regulatory responsibility. This Agreement shall be administered by a committee known as the Options Self-Regulatory Council (the ''Council'').

This Agreement amends and restates the agreement entered into among the Participants on [September 20, 2022] *July 18, 2024,* entitled ''Agreement by and among Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., BOX [Options] Exchange, LLC, Cboe Exchange, Inc., Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., Nasdaq ISE, LLC, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC, *NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc.,* The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, Nasdaq BX, Inc., [NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc.,] Nasdaq PHLX LLC, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC, Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Nasdaq MRX, LLC, MIAX PEARL, LLC, MIAX Emerald, LLC, *MIAX Sapphire, LLC* and MEMX LLC Pursuant to Rule 17d–2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.''

Whereas, the Participants are desirous of allocating regulatory responsibilities with respect to broker-dealers, and persons associated therewith, that are members [1] of more than one Participant (the ''Common Members'') and conduct a public business for compliance with Common Rules (as hereinafter defined) relating to the conduct by broker-dealers of accounts for listed options, index warrants, currency index warrants and currency warrants (collectively, ''Covered Securities''); and

Whereas, the Participants are desirous of executing a plan for this purpose pursuant to the provisions of Rule 17d–2 and filing such plan with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''SEC'' or the ''Commission'') for its approval;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained hereafter, the Participants agree as follows:

I. As used herein the term Designated Options Examining Authority (''DOEA'') shall mean: (1) FINRA insofar as it shall perform Regulatory Responsibility (as hereinafter defined) for its broker-dealer members that also are members of another Participant or (2) the Designated Examination Authority (''DEA'') pursuant to SEC Rule 17d–1 under the Securities Exchange Act (''Rule 17d–1'') for a broker-dealer that is a member of a more than one Participant (but not a member of FINRA).

[19] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66974 (May 11, 2012), 77 FR 29705 (May 18, 2012).

[20] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68363 (December 5, 2012), 77 FR 73711 (December 11, 2012).

[21] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70051 (July 26, 2013), 78 FR 46644 (August 1, 2013).

[22] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76309 (October 29, 2015), 80 FR 68361 (November 4, 2015).

[23] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77148 (February 16, 2016), 81 FR 8775 (February 22, 2016).

[24] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79929 (February 2, 2017), 82 FR 9757 (February 8, 2017).

[25] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85106 (February 12, 2019), 84 FR 4554 (February 15, 2019).

[26] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96100 (October 18, 2022), 87 FR 64285 (October 24, 2022).

[27] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100629 (July 31, 2024), 89 FR 64012 (August 6, 2024).

[1] In the case of BZX, NYSE American, NYSE Arca, EDGX, MIAX PEARL, MEMX, *MX2, IEX,* PHLX and Nasdaq, members are those persons who are options participants (as defined in the BX, BZX, NYSE American, NYSE Arca, EDGX, MIAX PEARL, MEMX, *MX2, IEX,* PHLX and Nasdaq Options Market Rules).

II. As used herein, the term ''Regulatory Responsibility'' shall mean the examination and enforcement responsibilities relating to compliance by Common Members with the rules of the applicable Participant that are substantially similar to the rules of the other Participants (the ''Common Rules''), insofar as they apply to the conduct of accounts for Covered Securities. A list of the current Common Rules of each Participant applicable to the conduct of accounts for Covered Securities is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Each year within 30 days of the anniversary date of the commencement of operation of this Agreement, each Participant shall submit in writing to FINRA and each DEA performing as a DOEA for any members of such Participant any revisions to Exhibit A reflecting changes in the rules of the Participant, and confirm that all other rules of the Participant listed in Exhibit A continue to meet the definition of Common Rules as defined in this Agreement. Within 30 days from the date that FINRA and each DEA performing as a DOEA has received revisions and/or confirmation that no change has been made to Exhibit A from all Participants, FINRA and each DEA performing as a DOEA shall confirm in writing to each Participant whether the rules listed in any updated Exhibit A are Common Rules as defined in this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, it is explicitly understood that the term ''Regulatory Responsibility'' does not include, and each of the Participants shall (unless allocated pursuant to Rule 17d–2 otherwise than under this Agreement) retain full responsibility for, each of the following:

(a) Surveillance and enforcement with respect to trading activities or practices involving its own marketplace, including without limitation its rules relating to the rights and obligations of specialists and other market makers;

(b) Registration pursuant to its applicable rules of associated persons;

(c) Discharge of its duties and obligations as a DEA; and

(d) Evaluation of advertising, responsibility for which shall remain with the Participant to which a Common Member submits same for approval.

III. Apparent violations of another Participant's rules discovered by a DOEA, but which rules are not within the scope of the discovering DOEA's Regulatory Responsibility, shall be referred to the relevant Participant for such action as the Participant to which such matter has been referred deems appropriate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained herein shall preclude a DOEA in its discretion from requesting that another Participant conduct an enforcement proceeding on a matter for which the requesting DOEA has Regulatory Responsibility. If such other Participants agree, the Regulatory Responsibility in such case shall be deemed transferred to the accepting Participant and confirmed in writing by the Participants involved. Each Participant agrees, upon request, to make available promptly all relevant files, records and/or witnesses necessary to assist another Participant in an investigation or enforcement proceeding.

IV. The Council shall be composed of one representative designated by each of the Participants. Each Participant shall also designate one or more persons as its alternate representative(s). In the absence of the representative of a Participant, such alternate representative shall have the same powers, duties and responsibilities as the representative. Each Participant may, at any time, by notice to the then Chair of the Council, replace its representative and/or its alternate representative on such Council. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum and, unless specifically otherwise required, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Council members present (in person, by telephone or by written consent) shall be necessary to constitute action by the Council. The representative from FINRA shall serve as Chair of the Council. All notices and other communications for the Council shall be sent to it in care of the Chair or to each of the representatives.

V. The Council shall determine the times and locations of Council meetings, provided that the Chair, acting alone, may also call a meeting of the Council in the event the Chair determines that there is good cause to do so. To the extent reasonably possible, notice of any meeting shall be given at least ten-business days prior thereto. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, representatives shall always be given the option of participating in any meeting telephonically at their own expense rather than in person.

VI. FINRA shall have Regulatory Responsibility for all Common Members that are members of FINRA. For the purpose of fulfilling the Participants' Regulatory Responsibilities for Common Members that are not members of FINRA, the Participant that is the DEA shall serve as the DOEA. All Participants shall promptly notify the DOEAs no later than the next scheduled meeting of any change in membership of Common Members. A DOEA may request that a Common Member that is allocated to it be reallocated to another DOEA by giving thirty days written notice thereof. The DOEAs in their discretion may approve such request and reallocate such Common Member to another DOEA.

VII. Each DOEA shall conduct an examination of each Common Member. The Participants agree that, upon request, relevant information in their respective files relative to a Common Member will be made available to the applicable DOEA. At each meeting of the Council, each DOEA shall be prepared to report on the status of its examination program for the previous quarter and any period prior thereto that has not previously been reported to the Council.

VIII. Each DOEA will promptly furnish a copy of the Examination report, relating to Covered Securities, of any examination made pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement to each other Participant of which the Common Member examined is a member.

IX. Each DOEA's Regulatory Responsibility shall for each Common Member allocated to it include investigations into terminations ''for cause'' of associated persons relating to Covered Securities, unless such termination is related solely to another Participant's market. In the latter instance, that Participant to whose market the termination for cause relates shall discharge Regulatory Responsibility with respect to such termination for cause. In connection with a DOEA's examination, investigation and/or enforcement proceeding regarding a Covered Security-related termination for cause, the other Participants of which the Common Member is a member shall furnish, upon request, copies of all pertinent materials related thereto in their possession. As used in this Section, ''for cause'' shall include, without limitation, terminations characterized on Form U5 under the label ''Permitted to Resign.'' ''Discharge'' or ''Other.''

X. Each DOEA shall discharge the Regulatory Responsibility for each Common Member allocated to it relative to a Covered Securities-related customer complaint [2] unless such complaint is uniquely related to another Participant's market. In the latter instance, the DOEA shall forward the matter to that Participant to whose market the matter relates, and the latter shall discharge Regulatory Responsibility with respect

[2] For purposes of complaints, they can be reported pursuant to Form U4, Form U5 or RE–3 and any amendments thereto.

thereto. If a Participant receives a customer complaint for a Common Member related to a Covered Security for which the Participant is not the DOEA, the Participant shall promptly forward a copy of such complaint to the DOEA.

XI. Any written notice required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed given if sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by a comparable means of electronic communication to each Participant entitled to receipt thereof, to the attention of the Participant's representative on the Council at the Participant's then principal office or by email at such address as the representative shall have filed in writing with the Chair.

XII. The Participants shall notify the Common Members of this Agreement by means of a uniform joint notice approved by the Council.

XIII. This Agreement may be amended to add a new Participant provided that such Participant does not assume Regulatory Responsibility, solely by an amendment by FINRA and such new Participant. All other Participants expressly consent to allow FINRA to add new Participants to this Agreement as provided above. FINRA will promptly notify all Participants of any such amendments to add new Participants. All other amendments to this Agreement must be approved in writing by each Participant. All amendments, including adding a new Participant, must be filed with and approved by the SEC before they become effective.

XIV. Any of the Participants may manifest its intention to cancel its participation in this Agreement at any time by giving the Council written notice thereof at least 90 days prior to the effective date of such cancellation. Upon receipt of such notice the Council shall allocate, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, any Common Members for which the petitioning party was the DOEA. Until such time as the Council has completed the reallocation described above; the petitioning Participant shall retain all its rights, privileges, duties and obligations hereunder.

XV. The cancellation of its participation in this Agreement by any Participant shall not terminate this Agreement as to the remaining Participants. This Agreement will only terminate following notice to the Commission, in writing, by the then Participants that they intend to terminate the Agreement and the expiration of the applicable notice period. Such notice shall be given at least six months prior to the intended date of termination, provided that in the event a notice of cancellation is received from a Participant that, assuming the effectiveness thereof, would result in there being just one remaining member of the Council, notice to the Commission of termination of this Agreement shall be given promptly upon the receipt of such notice of cancellation, which termination shall be effective upon the effectiveness of the cancellation that triggered the notice of termination to the Commission.

XVI. No Participant nor the Council nor any of their respective directors, governors, officers, employees or representatives shall be liable to any other Participant in this Agreement for any liability, loss or damage resulting from or claimed to have resulted from any delays, inaccuracies, errors or omissions with respect to the provision of Regulatory Responsibility as provided hereby or for the failure to provide any such Responsibility, except with respect to such liability, loss or damages as shall have been suffered by one or more of the Participants and caused by the willful misconduct of one or more of the other participants or their respective directors, governors, officers, employees or representatives. No warranties, express or implied, are made by any or all of the Participants or the Council with respect to any Regulatory Responsibility to be performed by each of them hereunder.

XVII. Pursuant to Section 17(d)(1)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17d–-2 promulgated pursuant thereto, the Participants join in requesting the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon its approval of this Agreement or any part thereof, to relieve those Participants which are from time to time participants in this Agreement which are not the DOEA as to a Common Member of any and all Regulatory Responsibility with respect to the matters allocated to the DOEA.

REVISED [July 18, 2024]

August 4, 2026

Exhibit A

Rules Enforced Under 17D–2 Agreement

Pursuant to Section II of the Agreement by and among Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (''BZX''), BOX Exchange, LLC (''BOX''), Cboe Exchange, Inc. (''Cboe''), Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. (''C2''), Nasdaq ISE, LLC (''ISE''), Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (''FINRA''), Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (''MIAX''), The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (''Nasdaq''), Nasdaq *Texas, LLC (''Nasdaq Texas'')* [BX, Inc. (''BX'')], NYSE American LLC (''NYSE American''), NYSE Arca, Inc. (''NYSE ARCA''), Nasdaq PHLX LLC (''PHLX''), Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (''GEMX''), Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (''EDGX''), Nasdaq MRX, LLC (''MRX''), MIAX PEARL, LLC (''MIAX PEARL''), MIAX Emerald, LLC (''MIAX Emerald''), MIAX Sapphire, LLC (''MIAX Sapphire''), [and] MEMX LLC (''MEMX''), *MX2 LLC (''MX2'') and Investors Exchange LLC (''IEX'')* pursuant to Rule 17d–2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 dated [July 17, 2024] *August 4, 2026* (the ''Agreement''), a revised list of the current Common Rules of each Participant, as compared to those of FINRA, applicable to the conduct of accounts for Covered Securities is set forth in this Exhibit A.

Opening of Accounts

NYSE American	Rules 411, 921 and 1101.
BZX	Rule 26.2.
BOX	Rule 4020.
Cboe	Rule 9.1.
C2*	Cboe Rule 9.1.
EDGX	Rule 26.2.
IEX	*Rule 27.110.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 6.
FINRA	Rules 2360(b)(16) and 2352.
MEMX	Rule 26.2.
MX2	*Rule 26.2.*
MIAX	Rule 1307.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1307.

MIAX Emerald	Rule 1307.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1307.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 6.
MRX	Options 10, Section 6.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 6[1].
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.2–O(a), 9.18–O(b), 9.18–E(b) and 8.4–E.
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 6.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 6.

Supervision

NYSE American	Rules 411, 922 and 1104.
BZX	Rule 26.3.
BOX	Rule 4030.
Cboe	Rule 9.2[[2]].
C2 *	Cboe Rule 9.2[[2]].
EDGX	Rule 26.3.
IEX	*Rule 27.120.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 7.
FINRA	Rules 2360(b)(20), 2360(b)(17)(B), 2360(b)(16)(E), 2355 and 2358.
MEMX	Rule 26.3.
MX2	*Rule 26.3.*
MIAX	Rule 1308.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1308.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1308.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1308.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 7.
MRX	Options 10, Section 7.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 7.
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.2–O(b), 9.18–O(d)(2)(G) and 8.7–E.
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 7.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 7.

Suitability

NYSE American	Rules 923 and 1102.
BZX	Rule 26.4.
BOX	Rule 4040.
Cboe	Rule 9.3.
C2 *	Cboe Rule 9.3.
EDGX	Rule 26.4.
IEX	*Rule 27.130.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 8.
FINRA	Rule 2360(b)(19) and 2353.
MEMX	Rule 26.4.
MX2	*Rule 26.4.*
MIAX	Rule 1309.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1309.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1309.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1309.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 8.
MRX	Options 10, Section 8.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 8.
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.18–O(c), 9.18–E(c) and 8.5–E.
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 8.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 8

Discretionary Accounts

NYSE American	Rules 421, 924 and 1103.
BZX	Rule 26.5[3].
BOX	Rule 4050.
Cboe	Rule 9.4.
C2 *	Cboe Rule 9.4.
EDGX	Rule 26.5[[3]]*[2]*.
IEX	*Rule 27.140.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 9.
FINRA	Rules 2360(b)(18) and 2354.
MEMX	Rule 26.5[3].
MX2	*Rule 26.5*[3].
MIAX	Rule 1310.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1310.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1310.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1310.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 9.
MRX	Options 10, Section 9.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 9.

NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.18–O(e), 9.18–E(e) and 8.6–E.
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 9.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 9.
Customer Communications (Advertising)	
NYSE American	Rules 8.9E, 991 and 1106.
BZX	Rule 26.16.
BOX	Rule 4170.
Cboe	Rule 9.15.
C2*	Cboe Rule 9.15.
EDGX	Rule 26.16.
IEX	*Rule 27.250.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 20.
FINRA	Rules 2220 and 2357.
MEMX	Rule 26.16.
MX2	*Rule 26.16.*
MIAX	Rule 1322.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1322.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1322.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1322.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 20.
MRX	Options 10, Section 20.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 20.
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.21–O(a), 9.21–O(b), *9.21–O(d),* 9.28–O[(c)] and 9.28–E.
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 20.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 20
Customer Complaints	
NYSE American	Rules 8.8E, 932 and 1105.
BZX	Rule 26.17.
BOX	Rule 4190.
Cboe	Rule 9.17.
C2*	Cboe Rule 9.17.
EDGX	Rule 26.17.
IEX	*Rule 27.260.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 22.
FINRA	FINRA Rules 2360(b)(17)(A) and 2356.
MEMX	Rule 26.17.
MX2	*Rule 26.17.*
MIAX	Rule 1324.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1324.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1324.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1324.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 22.
MRX	Options 10, Section 22.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 22.
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.18–O(l), 9.18–E(l) and 8.8–E.
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 22.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 22.
Customer Statements	
NYSE American	Rules 419 and 930.
BZX	Rule 26.7.
BOX	Rule 4070.
Cboe	Rule 9.6.
C2*	Cboe Rule 9.6.
EDGX	Rule 26.7.
IEX	*Rule 27.160.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 11.
FINRA	Rule 2360(b)(15).
MEMX	Rule 26.7.
MX2	*Rule 26.7.*
MIAX	Rule 1312.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1312.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1312.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1312.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 11.
MRX	Options 10, Section 11.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 11.
NYSE ARCA	Rules *9.15–O,* 9.18–O(j) and 9.18–E(j).
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 11.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 11.

Confirmations	
NYSE American	Rule 925.
BZX	Rule 26.6.
BOX	Rule 4060.
Cboe	Rule 9.5.
C2 *	Cboe Rule 9.5.
EDGX	Rule 26.6.
IEX	*Rule 27.150.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 10.
FINRA	Rule 2360(b)(12).
MEMX	Rule 26.6.
MX2	*Rule 26.6.*
MIAX	Rule 1311.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1311.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1311.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1311.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 10.
MRX	Options 10, Section 10.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 10.
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.18–O(f) and 9.18–E(f).
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 10.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 10.
Allocation of Exercise Assignment Notices	
NYSE American	Rule 981.
BZX	Rule 23.2.
BOX	Rule 9010.
Cboe	Rule 6.21.
C2 *	Cboe Rule 6.21.
EDGX	Rule 23.2.
IEX	*Rule 24.110.*
ISE	Options 6B, Section 2.
FINRA	Rule 2360(b)(23)(C).
MEMX	Rule 23.2.
MX2	*Rule 23.2.*
MIAX	Rule 701.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 701.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 701.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 701.
GEMX	Options 6B, Section 2.
MRX	Options 6B, Section 2.
PHLX	Options 6B, Section 2.
NYSE ARCA	Rule 6.25–O[(a)].
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 6B, Section 2.
Nasdaq	Options 6B, Section 2.
Disclosure Documents	
NYSE American	Rules 921 and 926.
BZX	Rule 26.10.
BOX	Rule 4100.
Cboe	Rule 9.9.
C2 *	Cboe Rule 9.9.
EDGX	Rule 26.10.
IEX	*Rule 27.190.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 13.
FINRA	Rule 2360(b)(11).
MEMX	Rule 26.10.
MX2	*Rule 26.10.*
MIAX	Rule 1315.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1315.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1315.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1315.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 13.
MRX	Options 10, Section 13.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 13.
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.18–O(g) and 9.18–E(g).
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 13.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 13.
Branch Offices of Member Organizations	
NYSE American	Rule 922(d) [[4]] *[3]*.
BOX	Rule 4010(b).
Cboe	Rule 3.40.

C2 *	Cboe Rule 3.40.
ISE	Options 10, Section 5.
FINRA	Rules 2360(b)(20)(B) and 2355.
MIAX	Rule 1306.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1306.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1306.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1306.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 5.
MRX	Options 10, Section 5.
PHLX	N/A.
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.18–O(m) and 9.18–E(m).
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 5.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 5.
Prohibition Against Guarantees	
NYSE American	Rule 390.
BZX	Rule 26.13.
BOX	Rule 4130.
Cboe	Rule 9.12.
C2 *	Cboe Rule 9.12.
EDGX	Rule 26.13.
IEX	*Rule 27.220.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 16.
FINRA	Rule 2150(b).
MEMX	Rule 26.13.
MX2	*Rule 26.13.*
MIAX	Rule 1318.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1318.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1318.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1318.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 16.
MRX	Options 10, Section 16.
PHLX	General 9, Section 54(b).
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.1–O(e), 9.1–E(e) and 9.2150–E(b).
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 16.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 16.
Sharing In Accounts	
NYSE American	Rule 390.
BZX	Rule 26.14 [[5]] *[4]*.
BOX	Rule 4140.
Cboe	Rule 9.12(b).
C2 *	Cboe Rule 9.12(b).
EDGX	Rule 26.14 [[5]] *[4]*.
IEX	*Rule 27.230.*
ISE	Options 10, Section 17 [[6]] *[5]*.
FINRA	Rule 2150(c).
MEMX	Rule 26.14 [[5]] *[4]*.
MX2	*Rule 26.14 [4].*
MIAX	Rule 1319.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1319.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1319.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1319.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 17 [[6]] *[5]*.
MRX	Options 10, Section 17 [[6]] *[5]*.
PHLX	N/A.
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.1–O(f) and 9.2150–E(c).
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 17 [[6]] *[5]*.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 17 [[6]] *[5]*.
Registration of ROP	
NYSE American	Rules 920 and 2.1220(a)(7)(A)
BZX	Rule 17.2(g)(1), (2), (6) and (7).
BOX	Rule 2020(c)(1).
Cboe	Rule 3.36.
C2 *	Cboe Rule 3.36.
EDGX	Rule 17.2(g)(1), (2), (6) and (7).
IEX	*Rule 18.110(h)(1), (2), (6), and (7).*
ISE	Options 10, Section 2.
FINRA	Rule 1220(a)(8).
MEMX	Rule 17.2(g)(1), (2), (6) and (7).
MX2	*Rule 17.2(g)(1), (2), (6) and (7).*
MIAX	Rule 1301.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1301.

MIAX Emerald	Rule 1301.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1301.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 2.
MRX	Options 10, Section 2.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 2.
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.26–O, 9.26–E and 2.1220(a)(7)(A).
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 2.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 2.
Certification of Registered Personnel	
NYSE American	Rules 920 and 1220(b).
BZX	Rule 2.5 Interpretation .01(c) and 11.4(e).
BOX	IM–2040–3.
Cboe	Rule 3.37.
C2 *	Cboe Rule 3.37.
EDGX	Rule 2.5 Interpretation .01(c) and 11.4(e).
IEX	*Rules 2.160(h) and 11.140(e).*
ISE	Options 10, Section 3.
FINRA	Rule 1220(b) and FINRA By-Laws Article V Sections 2 and 3.
MEMX	Rule 2.5 Interpretation .01(c) and 11.4(e).
MX2	*Rule 2.5 Interpretation .01(c) and 11.4(e).*
MIAX	Rule 1302.
MIAX PEARL	Rule 1302.
MIAX Emerald	Rule 1302.
MIAX Sapphire	Rule 1302.
GEMX	Options 10, Section 3.
MRX	Options 10, Section 3.
PHLX	Options 10, Section 6.
NYSE ARCA	Rules 9.27–O(a), 9.27–E(a) and 2.1220(b).
[BX] *Nasdaq Texas*	Options 10, Section 3.
Nasdaq	Options 10, Section 3.

[1] FINRA shall not have any Regulatory Responsibility regarding foreign currency option requirements specified in any of the PHLX rules in this Exhibit A.

[[2] FINRA shall not have any Regulatory Responsibility regarding receipt of written reports by April 1 of each year pursuant to Cboe Rule 9.8(g).]

[3] *2* FINRA shall not have any Regulatory Responsibility to enforce this rule as to time and price discretion in institutional accounts.

[4] *3* FINRA shall only have Regulatory Responsibility for the first paragraph and shall not have any Regulatory Responsibility regarding the requirements for debt options.

[5] *4* FINRA shall not have any Regulatory Responsibility regarding MEMX's, *MX2's,* BZX's, and EDGX's requirements to the extent such rules do not contain an exemption addressing immediate family.

[6] *5* FINRA shall not have any Regulatory Responsibility regarding Nasdaq's, *Nasdaq Texas'* [BX's], ISE's, GEMX's and MRX's requirements to the extent its rule does not permit sharing in the profits and losses of an account upon prior written consent from the customer, or contain an exemption addressing immediate family.

* Cboe Options rule incorporated by reference into C2 Rulebook.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. 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 S7–966 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 S7–966. 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/other.shtml*). Copies of the plan also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the Participating Organizations. 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 S7–966 and should be submitted on or before September 18, 2026.

V. Discussion

The Commission continues to believe that the proposed plan is an achievement in cooperation among the SRO participants. The Plan, as amended, will reduce unnecessary regulatory duplication by allocating to the designated SRO the responsibility for certain options-related sales practice matters that would otherwise be performed by multiple SROs. The plan promotes efficiency by reducing costs to firms that are members of more than one of the SRO participants. In addition, because the SRO participants coordinate their regulatory functions in accordance with the plan, the plan promotes, and will continue to promote, investor protection.

Under paragraph (c) of Rule 17d–2, the Commission may, after appropriate notice and comment, declare a plan, or any part of a plan, effective. In this instance, the Commission believes that appropriate notice and comment can take place after the proposed amendment is effective. The primary purpose of the amendment is to add MX2 and IEX as Participants to the Plan, and to reflect the name change of Nasdaq BX, Inc. to Nasdaq Texas LLC. By declaring it effective today, the amended Plan can become effective and be implemented without undue delay. The Commission notes that the prior version of this plan immediately prior to this proposed amendment was published for comment and the Commission did not receive any comments thereon.[28] Furthermore, the Commission does not believe that the amendment to the plan raises any new regulatory issues that the Commission has not previously considered.

VI. Conclusion

This order gives effect to the amended Plan submitted to the Commission that is contained in File No. S7–966.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 17(d) of the Act, that the Plan, as amended, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 17d–2 on August 5, 2026, is hereby approved and declared effective.

It is further ordered that those SRO participants that are not the DOEA as to a particular common member are relieved of those regulatory responsibilities allocated to the common member's DOEA under the amended Plan to the extent of such allocation.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[29]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–106187; File No. SR–LTSE–2026–17]

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Certain of Its Rules Regarding Statutory Disqualifications

August 25, 2026.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act''),[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] notice is hereby given that on August 12, 2026, Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc. (''LTSE'' or ''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ''Commission'') the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') a proposed rule change to amend certain of its rules regarding statutory disqualifications.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at *https://ltse.com/regulation/rule-filings#rule-filings,* at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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 self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

LTSE is amending certain of its rules regarding statutory disqualifications. First, the Exchange is supplementing Rule 1.160(cc) (defining ''person associated with a Member'' or ''associated person of a Member'') by adding the following text:

> For purposes of ''statutory disqualification'' as such term is defined in Section 3(a)(39) of the Exchange Act, the terms ''person associated with a Member'' and ''associated person of a Member'' shall mean (1) a natural person who is registered or has applied for registration under the Rules of the Exchange and (2) a sole proprietor, partner, officer, director, or branch manager of a Member, or other natural person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions, or a natural person engaged in the securities business who is directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by a Member, whether or not any such person is registered or exempt from registration with the Exchange under its Rules.

This addition conforms LTSE's definition exactly to Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (''BZX'') Rule 1.5(q) and is designed to improve the interplay between the Exchange's rules and FINRA's.

Prior to this proposed rule change, in all contexts, LTSE's definition included entities, meaning that an entity that is under common control of a Member is considered a person associated with the Member. Under the Exchange's rules, Members are required to submit an application for continuance as a Member if any person associated with the Member becomes subject to a statutory disqualification[3] and so, prior to this proposal, Members were required to file applications for affiliates under common control that would be subject to a statutory disqualification under securities law. In contrast, FINRA's definition of ''Person Associated with a member'' or ''Associated Person of a Member'' does not include affiliates under common control of the FINRA member.[4] Thus, prior to this proposed rule change, a firm that is both an Exchange Member and FINRA member, which has an affiliate under common control that would be subject to a statutory disqualification under securities laws, was required to file an application with the Exchange but not with FINRA. By altering LTSE's definition of ''Person Associated with a member'' or ''Associated Person of a Member'' in the context of statutory disqualification, LTSE harmonized the outcomes under its rules and FINRA's (such that, in the described scenario, the member of FINRA and LTSE would not be required to file).

The Exchange also proposes to amend LTSE Rule 2.160(a) in a number of ways. As context, LTSE Rule 2.160 governs registration requirements and restrictions on membership. Prior to the proposed rule change, the introductory language in Rule 2.160(a) provided: ''No person may become a Member or continue as a Member in any capacity on the Exchange where. . . .'' As amended, Rule 2.160(a) now provides: ''The Exchange may determine not to permit a person to become or continue as a Member or person associated with a Member in any capacity on the Exchange where. . . .'' Thus, the

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[28] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100629 (July 31, 2024), 89 FR 64012 (August 6, 2024).

[29] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(34).

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

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] *See* LTSE Rules 9.521(a) and 9.522.

[4] FINRA Regulation, Inc. By-laws, Article I, paragraph (ee) defines the terms ''person associated with a member'' or ''associated person of a member'' in relevant part as: ''(2) a sole proprietor, partner, officer, director, or branch manager of a member, or other natural person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions, or a natural person engaged in the investment banking or securities business who is directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by a member, whether or not any such person is registered or exempt from registration with the Corporation under these By-Laws or the Rules of the Corporation; and (3) for purposes of Rule 8210, any other person listed in Schedule A of Form BD.''