

maintenance by Options Members of the Exchange that are also participants on Cboe Affiliated Exchanges. The Exchange notes that it intends to implement the proposed rule change on March 21, 2019. The Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposal as operative upon filing.<sup>29</sup>

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 shall 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 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CboeEDGX-2019-007 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-CboeEDGX-2019-007. 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 submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule

change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeEDGX-2019-007, and should be submitted on or before April 3, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>30</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 2019-04561 Filed 3-12-19; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 8011-01-P**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release Nos. 33-10611; 34-85271; File No. 265-28]

### Investor Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of Securities and Exchange Commission Dodd-Frank Investor Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Securities and Exchange Commission Investor Advisory Committee, established pursuant to Section 911 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, is providing notice that it will hold a public meeting. The public is invited to submit written statements to the Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. (ET). Written statements should be received on or before March 28, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Multi-Purpose Room LL-006 at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F

Street NE, Washington, DC 20549. The meeting will be webcast on the Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Written statements may be submitted by any of the following methods:

##### *Electronic Statements*

- Use the Commission's internet submission form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml>); or
- Send an email message to [rules-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rules-comments@sec.gov). Please include File No. 265-28 on the subject line; or

##### *Paper Statements*

- Send paper statements to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. 265-28. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help us process and review your statement more efficiently, please use only one method.

Statements also will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Room 1503, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. All statements received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marc Oorloff Sharma, Chief Counsel, Office of the Investor Advocate, at (202) 551-3302, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public, except during that portion of the meeting reserved for an administrative work session during lunch. Persons needing special accommodations to take part because of a disability should notify the contact person listed in the section above entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The agenda for the meeting includes: Welcome remarks; a discussion regarding stock exchanges and, specifically, investor protection under the modern exchange regulatory structure; a discussion regarding disclosures on human capital (which may include a recommendation from the Investor as Owner subcommittee); a discussion regarding trends in investment research and potential regulatory implications; subcommittee reports; and a nonpublic administrative work session during lunch.

<sup>29</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission also has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>30</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Dated: March 8, 2019.

**Brent J. Fields,**  
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2019-04599 Filed 3-12-19; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8011-01-P

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-85266; File No. SR-EMERALD-2019-07]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX Emerald, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Exchange Rule 203, Qualification and Registration of Members and Associated Persons

March 7, 2019.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 22, 2019, MIAX Emerald, LLC (“MIAX Emerald” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 is filing a proposal to amend Exchange Rule 203, Qualification and Registration of Members and Associated Persons, in order to harmonize its rule to the rule of the Exchange’s affiliate, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (“MIAX Options”).

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <http://www.miaxoptions.com/rule-filings/emerald> at MIAX Emerald’s principal office, 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

Exchange 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

MIAX Emerald proposes to amend MIAX Emerald Rule 203, Qualification and Registration of Members and Associated Persons, in order to harmonize its rule to the rule of the Exchange’s affiliate, MIAX Options.

##### Background

MIAX Emerald plans to commence operations as a national securities exchange registered under Section 6 of the Act<sup>3</sup> on March 1, 2019. As described more fully in MIAX Emerald’s Form 1 application,<sup>4</sup> the Exchange is an affiliate of MIAX Options and MIAX PEARL, LLC (“MIAX PEARL”). MIAX Emerald Rules, in their current form, were filed as Exhibit B to its Form 1 on August 16, 2018, and at that time, the above mentioned MIAX Emerald Rule 203 was substantially similar to the corresponding rule of MIAX Options. In the time between when the Exchange filed its Form 1 and the time the Exchange received its approval order,<sup>5</sup> MIAX Options made changes to its rules. In order to ensure consistent operation of both MIAX Emerald and MIAX Options through application of consistent rules, the Exchange proposes to amend MIAX Emerald Rule 203, as described below.

##### Proposal

The Exchange proposes to amend MIAX Emerald Rule 203, Qualification and Registration of Members and Associated Persons, to harmonize its rule with recent rule changes adopted by MIAX Options.<sup>6</sup>

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC” or the “Commission”) approved a rule change to restructure the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) representative-level qualification

examination program.<sup>7</sup> The rule change, which became effective on October 1, 2018, restructured the examination program into a more efficient format whereby all new representative-level applicants are required to take a general knowledge examination (the Securities Industry Essentials Examination (“SIE”)) and a tailored, specialized knowledge examination (a revised representative-level qualification examination) for their particular registered role. Individuals are not required to be associated with the Exchange or any other self-regulatory organization (“SRO”) member to be eligible to take the SIE. However, passing the SIE alone will not qualify an individual for registration with the Exchange. To be eligible for registration with the Exchange, an individual must also be associated with a firm, pass an appropriate qualification examination for a representative or principal and satisfy the other requirements relating to the registration process.

The Exchange also proposes to add Interpretations and Policies .09 to Rule 203 “Summary of Qualifications Requirements” which summarizes the qualification requirements for each of the required registration categories described in the Exchange Rules.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>8</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>9</sup> 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 facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will improve the efficiency of the Exchange’s examination requirements, without compromising the qualification standards, by eliminating duplicative testing of general securities knowledge on examinations. FINRA has indicated that the SIE was developed in an effort to adopt an examination that would assess basic product knowledge; the structure and function of the securities industry markets, regulatory agencies and their functions; and regulated and

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84891 (December 20, 2018), 83 FR 67421 (December 28, 2018) (File No. 10-233) (order approving application of MIAX EMERALD, LLC for registration as a national securities exchange.)

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84361 (October 4, 2018), 83 FR 51529 (October 11, 2018) (SR-MIAX-2018-26); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81098 (July 7, 2017), 82 FR 32419 (July 13, 2017) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2017-007).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.