

trading on any Friday or Monday that is a business day series of options on the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (“SPY”) to expire on any Monday of the month that is a business day and is not a Monday in which Quarterly Options Series expire, provided that expirations that are listed on a Friday must be listed at least one business week and one business day prior to the expiration.⁷ The Exchange also may open for trading on any Tuesday or Wednesday that is a business day series of options on SPY to expire on any Wednesday of the month that is a business day and is not a Wednesday in which Quarterly Options Series expire.⁸

The Exchange proposes to expand the Short Term Option Series Program to permit Phlx to open for trading, on any Monday or Friday that is a business day, series of options on QQQ that expire on any Monday of the month that is a business day and is not a Monday in which Quarterly Options Series on the same class expire (“Monday QQQ Expirations”). In the case of a series that is listed on a Friday and expires on a Monday, it must be listed at least one business week and one business day prior to that Monday expiration. If the Monday QQQ Expiration falls on a Monday that is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday.

Similarly, the Exchange also proposes to expand the Short Term Option Series Program to permit Phlx to open for trading, on any Tuesday or Wednesday that is a business day, series of options on QQQ to expire on any Wednesday of the month that is a business day and is not a Wednesday in which Quarterly Options Series on the same class expire (“Wednesday QQQ Expirations”). If the Wednesday QQQ Expiration falls on a Wednesday that is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately prior to that Wednesday.

In addition, the Exchange proposes to amend Commentary .11 to Options 4, Section 5, to state that it may list up to five consecutive Monday QQQ Expirations at one time and up to five consecutive Wednesday QQQ Expirations at one time, and that there may be no more than a total of five Monday QQQ Expirations and no more than a total of five Wednesday QQQ Expirations. The Exchange also proposes to amend Commentary .11(b) to Options 4, Section 5 to permit Monday QQQ Expirations and Wednesday QQQ Expirations to expire

in the same week in which monthly options series on the same class expire. Otherwise, Monday QQQ Expirations and Wednesday QQQ Expirations will be subject to the same rules as standard Short Term Option Series.⁹

III. Discussion and Commission’s Findings

The Commission has carefully reviewed the proposed rule change and finds that it is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.¹⁰ Specifically, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Sections 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹¹ which requires, among other things, that a national securities exchange have rules 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. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change may provide the investing public and other market participants more flexibility to closely tailor their investment and hedging decisions in QQQ options, thus allowing them to better manage their risk exposure. In addition, the Commission notes that the Exchange has similar rules permitting the listing and trading of Monday and Wednesday expirations on SPY.¹²

In approving the proposal, the Commission notes that the Exchange has represented that it has an adequate surveillance program in place to detect manipulative trading in Monday QQQ Expirations and Wednesday QQQ Expirations.¹³ The Exchange further states that it has the necessary systems

⁹ For example, the Monday QQQ Expirations and Wednesday QQQ Expirations would be subject to the same series limitations and strike interval rules as standard Short Term Option Series. See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 13404–5.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f. In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule change’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹² See Commentary .11 to Phlx Options 4, Section 5.

¹³ See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 13406.

capacity to support the new options series.¹⁴

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered that pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act¹⁵ that the proposed rule change (SR-Phlx-2021–10) be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

PLACE: The meeting will be held via remote means and/or at the Commission’s headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission’s website at <https://www.sec.gov>.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3), (5), (6), (7), (8), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

The subject matter of the closed meeting will consist of the following topics:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Resolution of litigation claims; and

Other matters relating to examinations and enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.300–3(a)(12).

⁷ See *id.*

⁸ See *id.*

scheduling of meeting agenda items that may consist of adjudicatory, examination, litigation, or regulatory matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information; please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: April 22, 2021.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11411]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Overseas Schools Grant Status Report

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments up to May 26, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Thomas P. Shearer, Office of Overseas Schools, U.S. Department of State, Room H328, 2301 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20522-0132, who may be reached on 202-261-8201 or at Shearertp@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Overseas Schools Grant Status Report.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0033.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Administration, A/OPR/OS.
- *Form Number:* DS-2028.
- *Respondents:* Overseas schools grantees.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 193.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 193.
- *Average Time per Response:* 15 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 48.25 hours.
- *Frequency:* Annually.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Office of Overseas Schools of the Department of State (A/OPR/OS) is responsible for determining that adequate educational opportunities exist at Foreign Service Posts for dependents of U.S. Government personnel stationed abroad, and for assisting American-sponsored overseas schools to demonstrate U.S. educational philosophy and practice. The information gathered provides the technical and professional staff of A/OPR/OS the means by which obligations, expenditures and reimbursements of the grant funds are monitored to ensure the grantee is in compliance with the terms of the grant.

Methodology

Information is collected via electronic and paper submission. The Department has placed the form DS-2028 in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, and is sent as a link to the school along with the grant documents. School officials can complete the form electronically and

forward the form to post for forwarding to A/OPR/OS.

Thomas P. Shearer,
Director, A/OPR/OS, Department of State.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11403]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Grant Request Automated Submissions Program (GRASP)

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments up to May 26, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Grant Request Automated Submissions Program (GRASP).
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0036.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Administration, A/OPR/OS.
- *Form Number:* DS-0573, DS-0574, DS-0575, DS-0576.
- *Respondents:* Recipients of grants.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 193.