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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \***

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

**Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \***

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**Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications**

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Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

**Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

**Partial Amendment**

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposal to delete the current rules on arbitration (“Current Arbitration Rules”), under the 10000 Series (Rules 10001 through 10102), and incorporate by reference The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC’s (“Nasdaq”) rules on arbitration at General 6 (“Proposed Arbitration Rules”), into General 6 of the Exchange’s rulebook’s (“Rulebook”) shell structure.<sup>3</sup>

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached as Exhibit 1. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) on September 19, 2017. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Recently, the Exchange added a shell structure to its Rulebook with the purpose of improving efficiency and readability and to align its rules closer to those of its five sister exchanges, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Nasdaq ISE, LLC; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; and Nasdaq MRX, LLC (“Affiliated Exchanges”). The shell structure currently contains eight (8) Chapters which, once complete, will apply a common set of rules to the Affiliated Exchanges. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82174 (November 29, 2017), 82 FR 57492 (December 5, 2017) (SR-BX-2017-054).

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

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

a. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to delete the rules on arbitration, currently under the 10000 Series (Rules 10001 through 10102), and incorporate by reference the Nasdaq rules on arbitration at General 6 of Nasdaq's rulebook into General 6 of the Exchange's Rulebook.

The Exchange adopted the Current Arbitration Rules to ensure a fair and efficient manner in which to handle any dispute, claim or controversy arising out of, or in connection with, the business of any Member of the Exchange. To help administer the process of dispute resolution, the Exchange and FINRA are parties to a Regulatory Contract, pursuant to which FINRA has agreed to perform certain functions and provide access to certain services, including: member regulation and registration; non-real time market surveillance; examinations and investigations; and dispute resolution. FINRA currently operates the largest securities dispute resolution forum in the United States<sup>4</sup>, and has given the Exchange access to these services. Under the Current Arbitration

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.finra.org/arbitration-and-mediation>

Rules, Members and associated persons of a Member are subject to the FINRA Code of Arbitration Procedure.

Because the Affiliated Exchanges are also parties to similar Regulatory Contracts with FINRA that make their members and associated persons of such members subject to the FINRA Code of Arbitration Procedure, the Exchange believes it is pertinent that a common set of rules on arbitration be included in the General section of the Rulebook's shell. Nasdaq completed this process recently<sup>5</sup> and, pursuant to subsequent filings, the intention is to replace the existing arbitration rules for each of the Affiliated Exchanges by incorporating the Nasdaq rules on arbitration by reference.

Therefore, the Exchange will incorporate by reference the Proposed Arbitration Rules in "General 6 Arbitration" of the shell's "General Equity and Options Rules" section.

The relocation and harmonization of the arbitration rules is part of the Exchange's continued effort to promote efficiency and conformity of its processes with those of its Affiliated Exchanges.<sup>6</sup> The Exchange believes that the adoption and placement of the Proposed Arbitration Rules to their new location in the shell will facilitate the use of the Rulebook by Members<sup>7</sup> of the Exchange who are members of other Affiliated Exchanges. Moreover, the proposed changes are of a conforming nature and will not amend the substance of the adopted rules other than to update the language to that of the Proposed Arbitration Rules, and to make conforming cross-reference changes.

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<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83834 (August 13, 2018), 83 FR 41115 (August 17, 2018) (SR-NASDAQ-2018-067).

<sup>6</sup> See footnote 3.

<sup>7</sup> Exchange Rule 0120(i).

BX will continue to file proposed rule changes to amend its General 6 Rules until such time as it receives an exemption from the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to its authority under Section 36 of the Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) and Rule 0-12<sup>8</sup> thereunder, from the Section 19(b) filing requirements to separately file a proposed rule change to amend General 6.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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, by promoting efficiency and structural conformity of the Exchange’s processes with those of the Affiliated Exchanges and to make the Exchange’s Rulebook easier to read and more accessible to its Members. The Exchange believes that the adoption and harmonization of the arbitration rules and cross-reference updates are of a non-substantive nature.

4. 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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed changes do not impose a burden on competition because, as previously stated, they are (i) of a non-substantive nature, (ii) intended to harmonize the

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<sup>8</sup> See 17 CFR 240.0-12; Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39624 (February 5, 1998), 63 FR 8101 (February 18, 1998).

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

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

structure of the Exchange's rules with those of its Affiliated Exchanges, and (iii) intended to organize the Rulebook in a way that it will ease the Members' navigation and reading of the rules across the Affiliated Exchanges.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not Applicable.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)<sup>11</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder<sup>12</sup> in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange does not believe that the relocation and harmonization of the arbitration rules will significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest because the proposed changes are only intended to relocate and harmonize the rules and update their cross-references. Moreover, the Exchange does not believe that this proposal will impose any significant burden on competition because, as explained, the changes are

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<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

non-substantive, are intended to align the structure of the Exchange's Rulebook to the Affiliated Exchanges' and generally seek to improve the organization and readability of the Exchange's rules.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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 should be approved or disapproved.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange believes that its proposal will protect investors and the public interest, by promoting efficiency and structural conformity of the Exchange's processes with those of the Affiliated Exchanges and to make the Exchange's Rulebook easier to read and more accessible to its Members, market participants, and the general public.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

Not applicable.



9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.

5. Text of the proposed rule change.

**EXHIBIT 1**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. \_\_\_\_\_; File No. SR-BX-2018-048)

October \_\_, 2018

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Delete the Current Rules on Arbitration

Pursuant to 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 October 9, 2018, Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “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 delete the current rules on arbitration (“Current Arbitration Rules”), under the 10000 Series (Rules 10001 through 10102), and incorporate by reference The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC’s (“Nasdaq”) rules on arbitration at General 6 (“Proposed Arbitration Rules”), into General 6 of the Exchange’s rulebook’s (“Rulebook”) shell structure.<sup>3</sup>

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The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at <http://nasdaqbx.cchwallstreet.com/>, 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 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

The Exchange proposes to delete the rules on arbitration, currently under the 10000 Series (Rules 10001 through 10102), and incorporate by reference the Nasdaq rules on arbitration at General 6 of Nasdaq's rulebook into General 6 of the Exchange's Rulebook.

The Exchange adopted the Current Arbitration Rules to ensure a fair and efficient manner in which to handle any dispute, claim or controversy arising out of, or in connection with, the business of any Member of the Exchange. To help administer the process of dispute resolution, the Exchange and FINRA are parties to a Regulatory Contract, pursuant to which FINRA has agreed to perform certain functions and provide access to certain services, including: member regulation and registration; non-real time

market surveillance; examinations and investigations; and dispute resolution. FINRA currently operates the largest securities dispute resolution forum in the United States<sup>4</sup>, and has given the Exchange access to these services. Under the Current Arbitration Rules, Members and associated persons of a Member are subject to the FINRA Code of Arbitration Procedure.

Because the Affiliated Exchanges are also parties to similar Regulatory Contracts with FINRA that make their members and associated persons of such members subject to the FINRA Code of Arbitration Procedure, the Exchange believes it is pertinent that a common set of rules on arbitration be included in the General section of the Rulebook's shell. Nasdaq completed this process recently<sup>5</sup> and, pursuant to subsequent filings, the intention is to replace the existing arbitration rules for each of the Affiliated Exchanges by incorporating the Nasdaq rules on arbitration by reference.

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<sup>6</sup> See footnote 3.

Rulebook by Members<sup>7</sup> of the Exchange who are members of other Affiliated Exchanges. Moreover, the proposed changes are of a conforming nature and will not amend the substance of the adopted rules other than to update the language to that of the Proposed Arbitration Rules, and to make conforming cross-reference changes.

BX will continue to file proposed rule changes to amend its General 6 Rules until such time as it receives an exemption from the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to its authority under Section 36 of the Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) and Rule 0-12<sup>8</sup> thereunder, from the Section 19(b) filing requirements to separately file a proposed rule change to amend General 6.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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, by promoting efficiency and structural conformity of the Exchange’s processes with those of the Affiliated Exchanges and to make the Exchange’s Rulebook easier to read and more accessible to its Members. The Exchange believes that the adoption and harmonization of the arbitration rules and cross-reference updates are of a non-substantive nature.

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<sup>7</sup> Exchange Rule 0120(i).

<sup>8</sup> See 17 CFR 240.0-12; Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39624 (February 5, 1998), 63 FR 8101 (February 18, 1998).

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

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed changes do not impose a burden on competition because, as previously stated, they are (i) of a non-substantive nature, (ii) intended to harmonize the structure of the Exchange's rules with those of its Affiliated Exchanges, and (iii) intended to organize the Rulebook in a way that it will ease the Members' navigation and reading of the rules across the Affiliated Exchanges.

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

No written comments were either solicited or 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 from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>11</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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 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 e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR- BX-2018-048 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- BX-2018-048. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 Web site (<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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR- BX-2018-048 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>13</sup>

Eduardo A. Aleman  
Assistant Secretary

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<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).



**EXHIBIT 5**

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**Rules of Nasdaq BX**

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**0100. General Provisions**

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**0115. Applicability****(a) No change**

**(b)** The 9000 Series and [the 10000 Series]General 6 of these Rules and the Grandfathered Rules shall apply to all former BOX Options Participants and associated persons for activities that occurred during the time that BOX was a facility of the Exchange. The Grandfathered Rules shall also apply to activities of members, members organizations, persons associated with members, and other persons subject to the jurisdiction of the Exchange that occurred prior to the adoption of the Equity Rules.

**(c) – (d) No change**

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**0120. Definitions**

When used in the Equity Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

**(a) – (o) No change****(p) "Equity Rules"**

The term "Equity Rules" means the numbered rules set forth in the Exchange Manual denominated as the 0100, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000, 9000, [10000]General 6, and 11000 Series Rules, as adopted by the Exchange Board of Directors pursuant to the By-Laws of the Exchange, as hereafter amended or supplemented, and also includes the Certificate of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Exchange, the Operating Agreement of NASDAQ OMX BX Equities LLC, and the Delegation Agreement between the Exchange and NASDAQ OMX BX Equities LLC.

**(q) – (z) No change**

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**9000. Code of Procedure**

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**9231. Appointment by the Chief Hearing Officer of Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel or Replacement Hearing Officer****(a) – (b) No change****(c) Extended Hearing Panel**

Upon consideration of the complexity of the issues involved, the probable length of the hearing, or other factors that the Chief Hearing Officer deems material, the Chief Hearing Officer may determine that a matter shall be designated an Extended Hearing, and that such matter shall be considered by an Extended Hearing Panel. The Extended Hearing Panel shall be composed of a Hearing Officer and two Panelists, except as provided in Rule 9234(a), (c), (d), or (e). The Hearing Officer will serve as the chair of the Extended Hearing Panel. The Panelists shall be associated with a member of the Exchange, or retired therefrom. The Chief Hearing Officer shall have discretion to compensate any or all Panelists of an Extended Hearing Panel at the rate then in effect for arbitrators appointed under [the Rule 10000 Series] General 6. The Chief Hearing Officer shall select as a Panelist a person who meets the criteria set forth in paragraph (b)(1).

**(d) – (e) No change**

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**9331. Appointment of Subcommittee or Extended Proceeding Committee****(a) Appointment by the Exchange Review Council**

Following the filing of a notice of appeal pursuant to Rule 9311 or a notice of review pursuant to Rule 9312, the Exchange Review Council or the Review Subcommittee shall appoint a Subcommittee or an Extended Proceeding Committee to participate, subject to Rule 9345, in a disciplinary proceeding appealed or called for review.

**(1) Subcommittee**

Except as provided in subparagraph (2), for each disciplinary proceeding appealed or called for review, the Exchange Review Council or the Review Subcommittee shall appoint a Subcommittee to participate, subject to Rule 9345, in the appeal or review. A Subcommittee shall be composed of two or more persons who shall be current or former members of the Exchange Review Council or former Directors.

**(2) Extended Proceeding Committee**

Upon consideration of the volume and complexity of the certified record, or other factors the Exchange Review Council or the Review Subcommittee deems material, the Exchange Review Council or the Review Subcommittee may determine that a disciplinary proceeding appealed or called for review shall be designated an Extended

Proceeding and shall appoint an Extended Proceeding Committee to participate, subject to Rule 9345, in the appeal or review. The Extended Proceeding Committee shall be composed of two or more persons who shall be current or former members of the Exchange Review Council or former Directors. The Review Subcommittee shall have discretion to compensate any or all Panelists of an Extended Proceeding Committee at the rate then in effect for arbitrators appointed under [the Rule 10000 Series]General 6.

**(b) No change**

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**[10000. Code of Arbitration Procedure**

**10001. Regulatory Contract with FINRA**

The Exchange and FINRA are parties to the FINRA Regulatory Contract, pursuant to which FINRA has agreed to perform certain functions described in the Rule 10000 Series on behalf of the Exchange. Exchange Rules that refer to the Exchange's Regulation Department, the Exchange's Regulation Department staff, Exchange staff, and Exchange departments should be understood as also referring to FINRA staff and FINRA departments acting on behalf of the Exchange pursuant to the FINRA Regulatory Contract.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Exchange has entered into the FINRA Regulatory Contract with FINRA to perform some of the Exchange's functions, the Exchange shall retain ultimate legal responsibility for, and control of, such functions. In addition, the Exchange has incorporated by reference certain NASD rules. Exchange members shall comply with these rules and interpretations as if such rules and interpretations were part of the Rules of the Exchange.

FINRA is in the process of consolidating certain NASD rules into a new FINRA rulebook. If an NASD rule that is incorporated by reference in a rule of the Exchange is transferred into the FINRA rulebook, then the Exchange rule shall be construed to require Exchange members to comply with the FINRA rule corresponding to the NASD rule (regardless of whether such rule is renumbered or amended) as if such rule were part of the Rules of the Exchange.

**10100. Jurisdiction**

Every member or associated person of an Exchange member shall be subject to the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure for Customer Disputes and the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure for Industry Disputes as may be in effect from time to time (collectively, the "NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure"), for every claim, dispute, or controversy arising out of or in connection with matters eligible for submission under Equity Rule 10101. For the purposes of this Rule, each member or associated person of an Exchange member shall be subject to and shall abide by the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure as if such member or associated person were a "member" or "associated person" of FINRA.

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**IM-10100. Failure to Act Under Provisions of NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure**

It may be deemed conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade and a violation of Rule 2110 for a member or a person associated with a member to:

(a) fail to submit a dispute for arbitration under the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure as required by that Code;

(b) fail to comply with any injunctive order issued pursuant to the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure;

(c) fail to appear or to produce any document in his possession or control as directed pursuant to provisions of the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure;

(d) fail to honor an award, or comply with a written and executed settlement agreement, obtained in connection with an arbitration submitted for disposition pursuant to the procedures specified by FINRA, Nasdaq, the New York, American, National, Chicago, or Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, NYSE Arca, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or pursuant to the rules applicable to the arbitration of disputes before the American Arbitration Association or other dispute resolution forum selected by the parties where timely motion has not been made to vacate or modify such award pursuant to applicable law; or

(e) fail to comply with a written and executed settlement agreement, obtained in connection with a mediation submitted for disposition pursuant to the procedures specified by FINRA.

All awards shall be honored by a cash payment to the prevailing party of the exact dollar amount stated in the award. Awards may not be honored by crediting the prevailing party's account with the dollar amount of the award, unless authorized by the express terms of the award or consented to in writing by the parties. Awards shall be honored upon receipt thereof, or within such other time period as may be prescribed by the award. Action by members requiring associated persons to waive the arbitration of disputes contrary to the provisions of the Code of Arbitration Procedure shall constitute conduct that is inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade and a violation of Rule 2110.

**10101. Matters Eligible for Submission**

This Code of Arbitration Procedure is prescribed and adopted for the arbitration of any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of or in connection with the business of any the

Exchange member, or arising out of the employment or termination of employment of associated person(s) with any member, with the exception of disputes involving the insurance business of any member which is also an insurance company:

(a) between or among members;

(b) between or among members and associated persons;

(c) between or among members or associated persons and public customers, or others;  
and

(d) between or among members, registered clearing agencies with which the Exchange has entered into an agreement to utilize the Exchange's arbitration facilities and procedures, and participants, pledgees, or other persons using the facilities of a registered clearing agency, as these terms are defined under the rules of such a registered clearing agency.

### **10102. Non-Waiver of the Exchange's Objects and Purposes**

The submission of any matter to arbitration under the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure shall in no way limit or preclude any right, action or determination by the Exchange which it would otherwise be authorized to adopt, administer or enforce. If any matter comes to the attention of an arbitrator during and in connection with the arbitrator's participation in a proceeding, either from the record of the proceeding or from material or communications related to the proceeding, that the arbitrator has reason to believe may constitute a violation of the Rules of the Exchange or the federal securities laws, the arbitrator may initiate a referral of the matter to the Exchange for disciplinary investigation; provided, however, that any such referral should only be initiated by an arbitrator after the matter before him has been settled or otherwise disposed of, or after an award finally disposing of the matter has been rendered pursuant to the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure.]

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### **Nasdaq BX, Inc. Rules**

#### **General Equity and Options Rules**

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### **General 6. Arbitration**

#### **Section 1. Arbitration**

The rules contained in The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC General 6, as such rules may be in effect from time to time (the "General 6 Rules"), are hereby incorporated by reference into this Nasdaq BX, Inc. General 6, and are thus Nasdaq BX Rules and thereby applicable to Nasdaq BX Members. Nasdaq BX Members shall comply with the General

6 Rules as though such rules were fully set forth herein. All defined terms, including any variations thereof, contained in the General 6 Rules shall be read to refer to the Nasdaq BX related meaning of such term.

{[hyperlink to General 6 Rules](#)}.

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