

counting purposes. The Exchange believes that this additional clarity and detail will eliminate confusion among market participants, which is in the interests of all investors and the general public.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As discussed above, the Exchange does not believe that the current rules of CBOE and other exchanges that accord priority to all public customers over broker-dealers are unfairly discriminatory. Nor does the Exchange believe that it is unfairly discriminatory to accord priority to only those customers who on average do not place more than one order per minute (390 per day) under the counting regime that the Exchange proposes. The Exchange believes that its proposal does not impose an undue burden on competition. The Exchange notes that one of the purposes of the Professional rules is to help ensure fairness in the marketplace and promote competition among all market participants. The Exchange believes that proposed Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 1.1(ggg) would help establish more competition among market participants and promote the purposes for which the Exchange's Professional rule was originally adopted. The Exchange does not believe that the Act requires it to provide the same incentives and discounts to all market participants equally, so as long as the exchange does not unfairly discriminate among participants with regard to access to exchange systems. The Exchange believes that here, that is clearly the case.

Rather than burden competition, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change promotes competition by ensuring that retail investors continue to receive the appropriate marketplace advantages in the CBOE marketplace as intended, while furthering competition among marketplace professionals by treating them in the same manner under the Rules as other similarly situated market participants by ensuring that market participants with similar access to information and technology (*i.e.* Professionals and broker-dealers), receive similar treatment under the Rules while retail investors receive the benefits of order priority and fee waivers that are intended to apply to public customers.

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

The Exchange neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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 up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-CBOE-2016-005 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.
- All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CBOE-2016-005. 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 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 Web site 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 such filing will also 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 No. SR-CBOE-2016-005 and should be submitted on or before March 2, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁸

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release Nos. 33-10034; 34-77064; File No. 265-27]

SEC Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies; Meeting

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies is providing notice that it will hold a public meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016, in Multi-Purpose Room LL-006 at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. (EST) and will be open to the public. The meeting will be webcast on the Commission's Web site at www.sec.gov. Persons needing special accommodations to take part because of a disability should notify the contact person listed below. The public is invited to submit written statements to the Committee. The agenda for the meeting includes matters relating to rules and regulations affecting small and emerging companies under the federal securities laws.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016. Written statements should be received on or before February 23, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F

²⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Street NE., Washington, DC. Written statements may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Statements

- Use the Commission's Internet submission form (<http://www.sec.gov/info/smallbus/acsec.shtml>); or
- Send an email message to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number 265–27 on the subject line; or

Paper Statements

- Send paper statements to Brent J. Fields, Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. 265–27. 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. The Commission will post all statements on the Advisory Committee's Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/spotlight/acsec-spotlight.shtml>).

Statements also will be available for Web site 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. All statements received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Z. Davis, Senior Special Counsel, at (202) 551–3460, Office of Small Business Policy, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–3628.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C.—App. 1, and the regulations thereunder, Keith Higgins, Designated Federal Officer of the Committee, has ordered publication of this notice.

Dated: February 5, 2016.

Brent J. Fields,

Committee Management Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–77051; File No. SR–MSRB–2016–02]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Content Outline for the Series 9/10 Examination Program

February 4, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act” or “Exchange Act”)¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 22, 2016, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB” or “Board”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the MSRB. The MSRB has designated the proposed rule change as “constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule” under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act³ and Rule 19b–4(f)(1) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. 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 MSRB filed with the Commission proposed revisions to the content outline for the Municipal Securities Sales Principal (Series 9/10) examination program (the “proposed rule change”). The MSRB proposes to implement the revised Series 9/10 examination program on March 7, 2016. The proposed revisions update the material to reflect changes to the laws, rules and regulations covered by the examination and to incorporate the functions and associated tasks currently performed by a Municipal Securities Sales Principal. In addition, the Board is proposing to make changes to the format of the content outline. The MSRB is not proposing in this filing any textual change to its rules.⁵

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(1).

⁵ The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) filed changes to the Series 9/10 question

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the MSRB's Web site at www.msrb.org/Rules-and-Interpretations/SEC-Filings/2016-Filings.aspx, at the MSRB'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 MSRB 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 MSRB 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

Background

The MSRB has established a professional qualifications program that prescribes standards of training, experience, and competency for brokers, dealers and municipal securities dealers (collectively, “dealers”) and their associated persons. Section 15B(b)(2)(A) of the Act requires associated persons of dealers to meet such standards of training, experience, competence, and such other qualifications as the MSRB finds necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors and municipal entities or obligated persons.⁶ The MSRB has developed examinations that are designed to establish that persons associated with dealers that effect transactions in municipal securities and municipal advisors who engage in municipal advisory activities have attained specified levels of competence and knowledge. The content outline for each examination serves as a guide to the subject matter tested on the examination and provides learning objectives associated with each subject matter to assist candidates in preparing for each examination. Each content outline also provides sample questions similar to the type of questions that may be found on the examination. The

bank and selection specifications with the SEC on December 23, 2015. See Release No. 34–76812 (December 31, 2015), 81 FR 834 (January 7, 2016) (File No. SR–FINRA–2015–058).

⁶ Section 15B(b)(2)(A)(iii) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 78o–4(b)(2)(A)(iii).