

COMPANY AGREEMENT
OF
TEXAS STOCK EXCHANGE LLC
(a Texas limited liability company)

This Company Agreement (this “*Agreement*”) of Texas Stock Exchange LLC is made effective as of May 6, 2026 by TXSE Group Inc., a Texas corporation. This Agreement remains subject to the observer and consent rights provisions under Section 2 of the applicable Stockholders’ Agreement of TXSE Group Inc. (the “*Stockholders’ Agreement*”), as amended from time to time, by and among TXSE Group Inc. and its shareholders.

ARTICLE I

Definitions

When used in this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms set forth below shall have the following meanings:

(a) An “affiliate” of, or person “affiliated” with a specific person, is a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the person specified.

(b) “Board” or “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(c) “Board Observer” means the representative that certain investors in the LLC Member have the right to designate to attend all meetings of the Board and any committees thereof, in a nonvoting observer capacity, pursuant to, and subject to the limitations set forth in, Section 2 of the Stockholders’ Agreement.

(d) “broker” shall have the same meaning as in Section 3(a)(4) of the Exchange Act.

(e) “Commission” means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(f) “Company” means Texas Stock Exchange LLC, a Texas limited liability company.

(g) “day” means calendar day.

(h) “dealer” shall have the same meaning as in Section 3(a)(5) of the Exchange Act.

(i) “Director” means the persons elected or appointed to the Board of Directors from time to time in accordance with the Certificate of Formation and this Agreement.

(j) “Exchange” means the national securities exchange operated by the Company.

(k) “Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(l) “Exchange Member” means any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the national securities exchange operated by the Company. An Exchange Member is not an equity holder of the Company by reason of being an Exchange Member and is not an LLC Member. An Exchange Member will have the status of a “member” of the Exchange as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(3) of the Exchange Act.

(m) “Executive Representative” means the person identified to the Company by an Exchange Member as the individual authorized to represent, vote, and act on behalf of the Exchange Member. An Exchange Member may change its Executive Representative or appoint a substitute for its Executive Representative upon giving notice thereof to the Secretary of the Company via electronic process or such other process as the Company may prescribe. An Executive Representative of an Exchange Member or a substitute shall be a member of senior management of the Exchange Member.

(n) “Independent Director” means a Director who has no material relationship with the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any Exchange Member or any affiliate of any such Exchange Member; provided, however, that an individual who otherwise qualifies as an Independent Director shall not be disqualified from serving in such capacity solely because such Director is a Director of the Company or its equity holder.

(o) “Independent Member” means a member of any committee who has no material relationship with the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any Exchange Member or any affiliate of any such Exchange Member, other than as a committee member. The term Independent Member may but is not required to refer to an Independent Director who serves on a committee.

(p) “Industry Director” means a Director who (i) is or has served in the prior three years as an officer, director or employee of a broker or dealer, excluding an outside director or a director not engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (ii) is an officer, director (excluding an outside director) or employee of an entity that owns more than ten percent (10%) of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more than five percent (5%) of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (iii) owns more than five percent (5%) of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed ten percent (10%) of his or her net worth, or whose ownership interest otherwise permits him or her to be engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (iv) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute twenty percent (20%) or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or twenty percent (20%) or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s firm or partnership; (v) provides professional services to a director, officer or employee of a broker, dealer or corporation that owns fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting stock of a broker or dealer, and such services relate to the director’s, officer’s or employee’s professional capacity and constitute twenty percent (20%) or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or twenty percent (20%) or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s or member’s firm or partnership; or (vi) has a consulting or employment relationship with or provides professional services to the Company or any affiliate thereof or has had any such relationship or provided any such services at any time within the prior three years.

(q) “Industry Member” means a member of any committee or hearing panel who (i) is or has served in the prior three years as an officer, director, or employee of a broker or dealer, excluding an outside director or a director not engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (ii) is an officer, director (excluding an outside director), or employee of an entity that owns more than ten percent (10%) of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more than five percent (5%) of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (iii) owns more than five percent (5%) of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed ten percent (10%) of his or her net worth, or whose ownership interest otherwise permits him or her to be engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (iv) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute twenty percent (20%) or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or twenty percent (20%) or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s firm or partnership; (v) provides professional services to a director, officer, or employee of a broker, dealer, or corporation that owns fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting stock of a broker or dealer, and such services relate to the director’s, officer’s or employee’s professional capacity and constitute twenty percent (20%) or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or twenty percent (20%) or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s or member’s firm or partnership; or (vi) has a consulting or employment relationship with or provides professional services to the Company or any affiliate thereof or has had any such relationship or provided any such services at any time within the prior three years.

(r) “List of Candidates” means the list of nominees for Member Representative Director positions as nominated by the Member Nominating Committee and amended by petitions filed by Exchange Members. The List of Candidates is submitted to Exchange Members for the final selection of nominees to be elected by the LLC Member to serve as Member Representative Directors.

(s) “LLC Member” means any person who maintains a direct ownership interest in the Company. The sole LLC Member of the Company shall initially be TXSE Group Inc.

(t) “Member Nominating Committee” means the Member Nominating Committee elected pursuant to this Agreement.

(u) “Member Representative Director” means a Director who has been appointed as such to the initial Board of Directors pursuant to Article III, Section 3(g) of this Agreement, or elected by the LLC Member after having been nominated by the Member Nominating Committee or by an Exchange Member pursuant to this Agreement and confirmed as the nominee of Exchange Members after a majority vote of Exchange Members, if applicable. A Member Representative Director must be an officer, director, employee, or agent of an Exchange Member.

(v) “Member Representative Member” means a member of any committee or hearing panel who is an officer, director, employee or agent of an Exchange Member.

(w) “Nominating Committee” means the Nominating Committee elected pursuant to this Agreement.

(x) “Non-Industry Director” means a Director who is (i) an Independent Director; or (ii) any other individual who would not be an Industry Director.

(y) “Non-Industry Member” means a member of any committee who is (i) an Independent Member; or (ii) any other individual who would not be an Industry Member.

(z) “person” shall mean a natural person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, entity, government, or political subdivision, agency or instrumentality of a government.

(aa) “person associated with an Exchange Member” or “associated person of an Exchange Member” means any partner, officer or director of an Exchange member (or person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions), any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Exchange member, or any employee of such Exchange member, except that any person associated with an Exchange member whose functions are solely clerical or ministerial shall not be included in the meaning of such term for purposes of this Agreement.

(bb) “Record Date” means a date at least thirty-five (35) days before the date announced as the date for the annual meeting of the LLC Member and set as the last date on which Exchange Members may petition to add to the List of Candidates and used to determine whether Exchange Members are entitled to vote on the final List of Candidates.

(cc) “registered broker or dealer” means any registered broker or dealer, as defined in Section 3(a)(48) of the Exchange Act, that is registered with the Commission under the Exchange Act.

(dd) “Regulatory Funds” means fees, fines or penalties derived from the regulatory operations of the Company. “Regulatory Funds” shall not be construed to include revenues derived from listing fees, market data revenues, transaction revenues or any other aspect of the commercial operations of the Company, even if a portion of such revenues are used to pay costs associated with the regulatory operations of the Company.

(ee) “Rules” or “Exchange Rules” shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 3(a)(27) of the Exchange Act.

(ff) “statutory disqualification” shall have the same meaning as in Section 3(a)(39) of the Exchange Act.

(gg) “TBOC” means the Texas Limited Liability Company Law, Title 3 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, as the same may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE II

Office and Agent

Section 1. Name

The name of the Company is “Texas Stock Exchange LLC”.

Section 2. Formation; Term

On May 1, 2026, the Company was organized as a Texas limited liability company upon the filing of the Company’s Certificate of Formation with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas. The term of the Company shall be perpetual, unless sooner terminated as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. LLC Member

The mailing address of the LLC Member is set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto. TXSE Group Inc. is the sole LLC Member of the Company and holds 100% of the membership interests of the Company.

Section 4. Purpose

The Company is formed for the object and purpose of, and the nature of the business to be conducted and promoted by the Company is, engaging in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the TBOC.

Section 5. Powers

In furtherance of its purposes, but subject to all of the provisions of this Agreement, the Company shall have the power and is hereby authorized to do all things and engage in all such activities as may be necessary, convenient or incidental to the conduct of the business of the Company, and have and exercise all of the powers and rights conferred upon limited liability companies formed pursuant to the TBOC.

Section 6. Principal Business Office

The principal business office of the Company shall be located at 4550 Travis Street, Suite 650, Dallas, TX 75205, or such other location as may hereafter be determined by the Company. The Company may have such other office or offices as the Company may from time to time designate or as the purposes of the Company may require from time to time.

Section 7. Registered Office

The address of the registered office of the Company in the State of Texas is c/o Capitol Corporate Services, Inc., 1501 S. MoPac Expy., Suite 220, Austin, TX 78746, and the name of the registered agent of the Company in the State of Texas at such address is Capitol Corporate Services, Inc. The LLC Member may, upon compliance with the applicable provisions of the

TBOC, change the Company's resident office or resident agent from time to time, all as determined by the LLC Member.

Section 8. Registered Agent

The name and address of the registered agent of the Company for service of process on the Company in the State of Texas is Capitol Corporate Services, Inc., 1501 S. MoPac Expy., Suite 220, Austin, TX 78746.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

Section 1. Powers

(a) The business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by its Board, except to the extent that the authority, powers and duties of such management shall be delegated to a committee or committees of the Board pursuant to this Agreement or the Rules. The Board of Directors shall have the power to do any and all acts necessary, convenient or incidental to or for the furtherance of the purposes described herein, including all powers, statutory or otherwise. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law and this Agreement the Board may delegate any of its powers to a committee appointed pursuant to Article IV of this Agreement or to any officer, employee or agent of the Company.

(b) The Board shall have the power to adopt, amend or repeal the Rules in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of this Agreement.

(c) The Board may adopt such rules, regulations and requirements for the conduct of the business and management of the Company, not inconsistent with law, the Certificate of Formation or this Agreement, as the Board may deem proper. A Director shall, in the performance of such Director's duties, be fully protected, to the fullest extent permitted by law, in relying in good faith upon the books of account or reports made to the Company by any of its officers, by an independent certified public accountant, by an appraiser selected with reasonable care by the Board or any committee of the Board or by any agent of the Company, or in relying in good faith upon other records of the Company.

(d) In connection with managing the business and affairs of the Company, the Board and each Director shall consider applicable requirements for registration as a national securities exchange under Section 6(b) of the Exchange Act, including, without limitation, the requirements that (a) the Rules shall be designed to protect investors and the public interest and (b) the Exchange shall be so organized and have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Exchange Act and to enforce compliance by its "members," as that term is defined in Section 3 of the Exchange Act (such statutory members being referred to in this Agreement as "Exchange Members") and persons associated with Exchange Members, with the provisions of the Exchange Act, the rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, and the Rules of the Exchange. In discharging his or her responsibilities as a member of the Board of Directors or as an officer or employee of the Company, each such Director, officer or employee shall comply with the federal securities laws

and the rules and regulations thereunder and shall cooperate with the Commission and the Company pursuant to its regulatory authority.

(e) In light of the unique nature of the Company and its operations and in light of the Company's status as a self-regulatory organization, the Board, when evaluating any proposal, shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, take into account all factors that the Board deems relevant, including, without limitation, to the extent deemed relevant: (i) the potential impact thereof on the integrity, continuity and stability of the national securities exchange operated by the Company and the other operations of the Company, on the ability to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and on investors and the public, and (ii) whether such proposal would promote just and equitable principles of trade, foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to and facilitating transactions in securities or assist in the removal of impediments to or perfection of the mechanisms for a free and open market and a national market system.

Section 2. Composition of the Board

(a) The exact number of members of the Board shall be determined by resolution adopted by the Board from time to time, and shall as of the date of this Agreement be set at ten (10), subject to the compositional requirements of the Board set forth in Article III, Section 2(b) of this Agreement.

(b) At all times the Board of Directors shall consist of:

(i) one (1) Director who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, who shall be considered an Industry Director, and

(ii) a sufficient number of Non-Industry Directors (including Independent Directors), Industry Directors and Member Representative Directors to meet the following composition requirements:

(A) The number of Non-Industry Directors, including at least two (2) Independent Directors, shall equal or exceed the sum of the number of Industry Directors and Member Representative Directors elected pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of this Agreement and

(B) the number of Member Representative Directors shall be at least twenty percent (20%) of the Board.

(C) During such time as the Company operates a listings business, the Board of Directors shall consist of at least one (1) Director who is representative of issuers and investors and not associated with an Exchange Member, a broker or a dealer. For the avoidance of doubt, each such Director may be, but is not required to be, counted as an Independent Director for purposes of compliance with subparagraph (ii)(A) above if such Director meets the definition of an Independent Director.

(c) The Secretary shall collect from each nominee for Director such information as is reasonably necessary to serve as the basis for a determination of the nominee's classification as a Member Representative Director, Non-Industry Director, or Independent Director, if applicable, and the Secretary shall certify to the Nominating Committee or the Member Nominating Committee each nominee's classification, if applicable. Directors shall update the information submitted under this subsection at least annually and upon request of the Secretary, and shall report immediately to the Secretary any change in such information.

(d) A Director may not be subject to a statutory disqualification.

Section 3. Nomination and Election

(a) The Nominating Committee each year shall nominate Directors for each Director position standing for election at the annual meeting of the LLC Member that year. For positions requiring persons who qualify as Member Representative Directors, the Nominating Committee shall nominate only those persons whose names have been approved and submitted by the Member Nominating Committee, and approved by, if applicable, Exchange Members pursuant to the procedures set forth below in this Article III, Section 3.

(b) The Member Nominating Committee shall consult with the Nominating Committee and Chief Executive Officer, and shall solicit comments from Exchange Members for the purpose of approving and submitting names of candidates for election to the position of Member Representative Director.

(c) Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date announced as the date for the annual or special meeting of the LLC Member, the Member Nominating Committee shall report to the Nominating Committee and the Secretary the initial nominees for Member Representative Director positions on the Board that have been approved and submitted by the Member Nominating Committee. The Secretary shall promptly notify Exchange Members of those initial nominees. Exchange Members may identify other candidates ("***Petition Candidates***") for purposes of this Article III, Section 3 for the Member Representative Director positions by delivering to the Secretary, at least thirty-five (35) days before the date announced as of the date of the annual or special meeting of the LLC Member (the "***Record Date***" for purposes of this Article III, Section 3), a written petition, which shall designate the candidate by name and office and shall be signed by Executive Representatives of ten percent (10%) or more of the Exchange Members. An Exchange Member may endorse as many candidates as there are Member Representative Director positions to be filled. No Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, may account for more than fifty percent (50%) of the signatures endorsing a particular candidate, and any signatures of such Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, in excess of the fifty percent (50%) limitation shall be disregarded.

(d) Each petition for a Petition Candidate must include a completed questionnaire used to gather information concerning Member Representative Director candidates and must be filed with the Company (the Company shall provide the form of questionnaire upon the request of any Exchange Member).

(e) If no valid petitions from Exchange Members are received by the Record Date, the initial nominees approved and submitted by the Member Nominating Committee shall be nominated as Member Representative Directors by the Nominating Committee. If one or more valid petitions from Exchange Members are received by the Record Date, the Secretary shall include such additional nominees, along with the initial nominees nominated by the Member Nominating Committee, on the List of Candidates. Upon completion, the List of Candidates shall be sent by the Secretary to all Exchange Members that were Exchange Members on the Record Date, by any means, including electronic transmission, to confirm the nominees for the Member Representative Director positions. The List of Candidates shall be accompanied by a notice regarding the time and date of an election to be held at least twenty (20) days prior to the annual or special LLC Member's meeting to confirm the Exchange Members' selections of nominees for Member Representative Directors.

(f) With respect to the election held to determine the final nomination of Member Representative Directors, each Exchange Member shall have the right to cast one (1) vote for each available Member Representative Director nomination; *provided, however*, that any such vote must be cast for a person on the List of Candidates and that no Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, may account for more than twenty percent (20%) of the votes cast for a candidate, and any votes cast by such Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, in excess of such twenty percent (20%) limitation shall be disregarded. The votes shall be cast by written ballot, electronic transmission or any other means as set forth in a notice to the Exchange Members sent by the Company prior to such election. Only votes received prior to 4:00 pm Eastern Time on the date of the election shall count for the nomination of a Member Representative Director. The persons on the List of Candidates who receive the most votes shall be selected as the nominees for the Member Representative Director positions to be elected by the LLC Member.

(g) The initial Directors of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the LLC Member and shall serve until the first annual meeting of the LLC Member, which would take place within two hundred forty (240) days after the Approval Date, as defined in Article X, Section 1 of this Agreement.

Section 4. Chairman of the Board

The Chief Executive Officer shall be the Chairman of the Board ("**Chairman**"). The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chairman is present; *provided, however*, that he or she shall not participate in executive sessions of the Board. The Chairman shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Chairman from time to time by the Board. The Board of Directors shall designate a lead Director from among the Board's Independent Directors to preside over executive sessions of the Board. The Board shall publicly disclose the identity of the lead Director and the means by which interested parties may communicate with the lead Director.

Section 5. Vacancies

(a) Whenever any Director position, other than a Member Representative Director, becomes vacant prior to the election of a successor at the end of such Director's term, whether because of death, disability, disqualification, removal or resignation, and whenever any newly

created Director position, other than a Member Representative Director position, becomes available because of an increase in the number of Directors, the Nominating Committee shall nominate, and the LLC Member shall elect, a person satisfying the classification (*i.e.*, Industry Director, Non-Industry Director, or Independent Director), if applicable, for the Directorship to fill such vacancy until the expiration of such position's designated term or to fill such newly-created Director position until the expiration of such position's designated term; *provided, however*, that if the remaining term of office of a Director at the time of such Director's vacancy is not more than six months, during the period of vacancy the Board shall not be deemed to be in violation of Article III, Section 2(b) of this Agreement by virtue of such vacancy.

(b) Whenever any Member Representative Director position becomes vacant prior to the election of a successor at the end of such Member Representative Director's term, whether because of death, disability, disqualification, removal or resignation, and whenever any newly created Member Representative Director position becomes available because of an increase in the number of Directors, then the LLC Member shall follow the procedures set forth in this Article III, Section 5(b). In such an event, the Member Nominating Committee shall either (i) recommend an individual to the LLC Member to be elected to fill such vacancy or (ii) provide a list of recommended individuals to the LLC Member from which the LLC Member shall elect the individual to fill such vacancy. A Member Representative Director elected pursuant to this Article III, Section 5(b) shall serve until the expiration of the remaining term or until the expiration of such position's designated term; *provided, however*, that if the remaining term of office of a Member Representative Director at the time of such Director's vacancy is not more than six (6) months, during the period of vacancy the Board shall not be deemed to be in violation of Article III, Section 2(b) of this Agreement by virtue of such vacancy. The LLC Member shall elect to any Member Representative Director position, pursuant to this Article III, Section 5, only individuals recommended by the Member Nominating Committee.

Section 6. Removal and Resignation

(a) Except as hereinafter provided, any Director may be removed or expelled with or without cause by the LLC Member, and may be removed by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 6(b) of this Agreement; *provided, however*, that any Member Representative Director may only be removed for cause, which shall include, without limitation, such Director being subject to a statutory disqualification.

(b) A Director shall be removed immediately upon a determination by the Board, by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, (a) that the Director no longer satisfies the classification for which the Director was elected; and (b) that the Director's continued service as such would violate the compositional requirements of the Board set forth in Article III, Section 2(b) of this Agreement.

(c) Any Director may resign at any time either upon notice of resignation to the Chairman of the Board or the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if the time is not specified, upon receipt thereof, and the acceptance of such resignation, unless required by the terms thereof, shall not be necessary to make such resignation effective.

Section 7. Place of Meetings; Mode

Any meeting of the Board may be held at such place, within or without the State of Texas, as shall be designated in the notice of such meeting, but if no such designation is made, then the meeting will be held in such manner as designated by the Board. Members of the Board, Board Observers or any committee of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 8. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board may be held, with or without notice, at such time or place as may from time to time be specified by the Board.

Section 9. Special Meetings

(a) Special meetings of the Board may be called on a minimum of two (2) days' notice to each Director by the Chairman and shall be called by the Secretary upon the written request of three (3) Directors then in office.

(b) The person or persons calling a special meeting of the Board shall fix the time and place at which the meeting shall be held, and such time and place shall be specified in the notice of such meeting. Notice of any special meeting shall be given to each Director at his or her business address or such other address as he or she may have advised the Secretary to use for such purpose. If delivered, notice shall be deemed to be given when delivered to such address or to the Director to be notified. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given five (5) business days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, of a letter addressed to the appropriate location. Notice may also be given by telephone, electronic transmission or other means not specified in this Article III, Section 9(b), and in each such case shall be deemed to be given when actually received by the Director to be notified.

Section 10. Exchange Member Meetings

The Company shall not be required to hold meetings of the Exchange Members.

Section 11. Voting, Quorum and Action by the Board

Each Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Directors shall use good faith efforts to attend all meetings of the Board and enable a quorum. At all meetings of the Board, the presence of a majority of the number of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; *provided* that a quorum must include the Company Chief Executive Officer, except as set forth in the rest of this Article III, Section 11. For purposes of quorum for the transaction of business, if the Chief Executive Officer is not or will not be in attendance, the Chief Executive Officer may (a) waive attendance at such meeting (which waiver must be in writing) or (b) designate another Director in his or her place to satisfy such quorum requirement. If a quorum for the transaction of business is not satisfied, the Directors present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting and propose to reconvene at a later date. In such a case, the Company shall cause notice

of such adjournment and proposal to reconvene to be delivered to all Directors with at least 48 hours advance notice of such reconvened meeting and use good faith efforts to facilitate the participation of a majority of the number of Directors then in office including the Chief Executive Officer or his or her designee Director. Once the meeting has reconvened, the Directors present at such reconvened meeting shall constitute a quorum (irrespective of whether the quorum requirements set forth above are satisfied), so long as a majority of the number of Directors then in office is present. The act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or this Agreement.

Section 12. Presumption of Assent

A Director of the Company who is present at a duly convened meeting of the Board or of a committee of the Board at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be conclusively presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his or her dissent or election to abstain shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless he or she shall file his or her written dissent or election to abstain to such action with the person acting as the secretary of the meeting before the adjournment of the meeting or shall forward such dissent or election to abstain by registered or certified mail to the Secretary of the Company immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent or abstain shall not apply to a Director who voted in favor of such action.

Section 13. Action in Lieu of Meeting

Unless otherwise restricted by statute or this Agreement, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission, and such writing(s) or electronic transmission(s) are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or such committee.

Section 14. Waiver of Notice

(a) Whenever notice is required to be given by law or this Agreement, a waiver thereof by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to notice. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board, or members of a committee, need be specified in any waiver of notice.

(b) Attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 15. Interpretation of Company Agreement

The Board shall have the power to interpret this Agreement and any interpretation made by it shall be final and conclusive.

Section 16. Conflicts of Interest; Contracts and Transactions Involving Directors

(a) A Director, a Board Observer or a member of any committee may not participate in the consideration or decision of any matter relating to a particular Exchange Member, company or individual if such Director, Board Observer or committee member has a material interest in, or a professional, business or personal relationship with, that Exchange Member, company or individual, or if such participation shall create an appearance of impropriety. In any such case, the Director, Board Observer or committee member shall recuse himself or herself or shall be disqualified. If a member of the Board or any committee is recused from consideration of a matter, any decision on the matter shall be by a vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board or applicable committee.

(b) No contract or transaction between the Company and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between the Company and any other corporation, partnership, association or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason if: (i) the material facts pertaining to such Director's or officer's relationship or interest and the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board or the committee, and the Board or committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors, even though the disinterested Directors be less than a quorum; or (ii) the material facts are disclosed or become known to the Board or committee after the contract or transaction is entered into, and the Board or committee in good faith ratifies the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors, even though the disinterested Directors be less than a quorum.

ARTICLE IV

Committees of the Board

Section 1. Number of Committees

The committees of the Board shall consist of an Appeals Committee, a Nominating Committee, a Member Nominating Committee, a Regulatory Oversight Committee and such other committees as may be from time to time established by the Board or requested in writing to the Secretary by the LLC Member. Committees shall have such authority as is vested in them by this Agreement or the Rules, or as is delegated to them by the Board. All committees are subject to the control and supervision of the Board and may consist partly or entirely of non-Directors, with the exception of the Appeals Committee, Regulatory Oversight Committee and Nominating Committee, all of which must consist entirely of Directors.

Section 2. Appointment and Removal; Vacancies; Term

(a) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint, consistent with this Agreement, the members of all committees of the Board, and the Chairman may, at any time, with or without cause, remove any member of a committee so appointed, with the approval of the Board. Each committee shall consist of at least two (2) people and may include persons who are not members of the Board; *provided, however*, that such committee members who are not also

members of the Board shall only participate in committee actions to the extent permitted by law. In appointing members to committees of the Board, the Chairman is responsible for determining that any such committee meets the composition requirements set forth in this Article IV.

(b) Upon request of the Secretary, each prospective committee member who is not a Director shall provide to the Secretary such information as is reasonably necessary to serve as the basis for a determination of the prospective committee member's classification as an Industry Member, Non-Industry Member, or Independent Member. The Secretary shall certify to the Board each prospective committee member's classification. Such committee members shall update the information submitted under this subsection at least annually and upon request of the Secretary, and shall report immediately to the Secretary any change in such information.

(c) The term of office of a committee member shall terminate immediately upon a determination by the Board, by a majority vote of the Directors, (i) that the committee member no longer satisfies the classification for which the committee member was selected; and (ii) that the committee member's continued service as such would violate the compositional requirements of such committee set forth in this Article IV.

(d) Any vacancy occurring in a committee shall be filled by the Chairman for the remainder of the term, with the approval of the Board.

(e) Except as otherwise provided by this Agreement, members of a committee shall hold office for a one-year period.

Section 3. Powers and Duties of Committees

To the extent provided in the resolution of the Board, any committee that consists solely of one or more Directors shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Company.

Section 4. Conduct of Proceedings

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or by the Board, each committee may adopt its own rules of procedure and may meet at stated times or on such notice as such committee may determine. Each committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and report the same to the Board when required.

Section 5. Voting, Quorum and Action by Committees

Each committee member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Unless otherwise required by this Agreement, the presence of a majority of the number of committee members serving on a committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of such committee. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of a committee, the committee members present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. The act of a majority of the committee members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of such committee except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or this Agreement.

Section 6. Specified Committees

(a) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint a Regulatory Oversight Committee. The Regulatory Oversight Committee shall oversee the adequacy and effectiveness of the Exchange's regulatory and self-regulatory organization responsibilities, assess the Exchange's regulatory performance, and assist the Board and committees of the Board in reviewing the regulatory plan and the overall effectiveness of the Exchange's regulatory functions. In furtherance of its functions, the Regulatory Oversight Committee (i) shall review the Exchange's regulatory budget, which shall be approved by the Board of Directors, and shall specifically inquire into the adequacy of resources available in the budget for regulatory activities; and (ii) shall meet regularly in executive session with the Chief Legal Officer and Chief Regulatory Officer. The Regulatory Oversight Committee shall also, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, be responsible for establishing the goals, assessing the performance and fixing the compensation of the Chief Regulatory Officer and for recommending personnel actions involving the Chief Regulatory Officer and senior regulatory personnel. To the extent that the Chief Executive Officer of the Company has any indirect supervisory responsibility for the role or function of the Chief Regulatory Officer, including but not limited to, implementation of the budget for the regulatory function or regulatory personnel matters, the Regulatory Oversight Committee shall take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that the Chief Executive Officer does not compromise the regulatory autonomy and independence of the Chief Regulatory Officer or the regulatory function. Each member of the Regulatory Oversight Committee shall be an Independent Director.

(b) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint an Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall preside over all appeals related to disciplinary and adverse action determinations in accordance with the Exchange Rules. The Appeals Committee shall consist of two Independent Directors, and one Member Representative Director. If the Independent Director recuses himself or herself from an appeal, due to a conflict of interest or otherwise, such Independent Director may be replaced by a Non-Industry Director for purposes of the applicable appeal if there is no other Independent Director able to serve as the replacement.

ARTICLE V

Nominating Committees

Section 1. Election of Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee and the Member Nominating Committee shall each be elected on an annual basis by vote of the LLC Member. The LLC Member shall appoint the initial Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee consistent with the compositional requirements of this Article V. In each subsequent year, each of the Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee, after completion of its respective duties for nominating Directors for election to the Board for that year, shall nominate candidates to serve on the succeeding year's Nominating Committee or Member Nominating Committee, as applicable, such candidates to be voted on by the LLC Member at the annual meeting of the LLC Member. Additional candidates for the Member Nominating Committee may be nominated and elected pursuant to the same process as provided for in Article III, Section 3 of this Agreement.

Section 2. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for election to the Board at the annual meeting of the LLC Member and all other vacant or new Director positions on the Board. The Nominating Committee, in making such nominations, is responsible for ensuring that candidates meet the compositional requirements of Article III, Section 2(b) of this Agreement. The number of Non-Industry Members on the Nominating Committee shall equal or exceed the number of Industry Members on the Nominating Committee. All Nominating Committee members shall be Independent Directors. A Nominating Committee member may simultaneously serve on the Nominating Committee and the Board.

Section 3. Member Nominating Committee

The Member Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for each Member Representative Director position on the Board that is to be elected by Exchange Members or the LLC Member under the terms of this Agreement. Each member of the Member Nominating Committee shall be a Member Representative Member.

ARTICLE VI

Officers, Agents and Employees

Section 1. General

The officers of the Company shall include a Chief Executive Officer, a Chief Regulatory Officer, a Secretary and such other officers as in the Board's opinion are desirable for the conduct of the business of the Company. Any number of offices may be held by the same person.

Section 2. Compensation

The compensation of all officers and agents of the Company shall be set by the LLC Member, with the exception of the Chief Regulatory Officer, whose compensation shall be set by the Regulatory Oversight Committee as set forth in Article IV, Section 5 of this Agreement.

Section 3. Powers and Duties; Delegation

Each of the officers of the Company shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, have such powers and duties as customarily pertain to the respective office, and such further powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred by the Board, or by an officer delegated such authority by the Board. The Board may delegate the duties and powers of any officer of the Company to any other officer or to any Director for a specified period of time and for any reason that the Board may deem sufficient.

Section 4. Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer shall be the Chairman of the Board and shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chief Executive Officer is present; *provided, however*, that he or she shall not participate in executive sessions of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer shall

be the chief executive officer of the Company, shall have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Company, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of the Chief Executive Officer, except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Chief Executive Officer from time to time by the Board.

Section 5. Chief Regulatory Officer

An officer of the Company shall be designated as the Chief Regulatory Officer of the Company. The Chief Regulatory Officer shall have general supervision of the regulatory operations of the Company, including responsibility for overseeing the Company's surveillance, examination, and enforcement functions and for administering any regulatory services agreements with another self-regulatory organization to which the Company is a party. The Chief Regulatory Officer shall report to the Chief Legal Officer who, with the Chief Regulatory Officer, will meet with the Regulatory Oversight Committee of the Company in executive session at regularly scheduled meetings of such committee, and at any time upon request of the Chief Regulatory Officer, Chief Legal Officer or any member of the Regulatory Oversight Committee. The Chief Regulatory Officer may, but is not required to, also serve as the General Counsel of the Company.

Section 6. Secretary

The Secretary shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the Board at which the Secretary is present, shall record all the proceedings of all such meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose, shall have supervision over the giving and service of notices of the Company, and shall have supervision over the care and custody of the books and records of the Company. The Secretary shall be empowered to affix the Company's seal, if any, to documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Company under its seal is duly authorized, and when so affixed, may attest the same. The Secretary shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of Secretary, except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board. The Secretary shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary from time to time by the Board or the Chief Executive Officer.

ARTICLE VII

Indemnification

Section 1. Indemnification of Directors, Board Observers, Officers, Employees And Other Agents.

The Company shall indemnify its Directors, Board Observers and executive officers to the fullest extent not prohibited by the TBOC; *provided, however*, that the Company may limit the extent of such indemnification by individual contracts with its Directors, Board Observers and executive officers; and, *provided*, further, that the Company shall not be required to indemnify any Director, Board Observer or executive officer in connection with any proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person or any proceeding by such person against the Company or its Directors, Board Observers, officers, employees or other agents unless (i) such indemnification is expressly

required to be made by law, (ii) the proceeding was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Company or (iii) such indemnification is provided by the Company, in its sole discretion, pursuant to the powers vested in the Company under the TBOC.

(a) Other Officers, Employees and Other Agents.

The Company shall have the power to indemnify its other officers, employees and other agents as set forth in the TBOC.

(b) Expenses.

The Company shall advance to any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, Board Observer or executive officer, of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, Board Observer or executive officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, prior to the final disposition of the proceeding, promptly following request therefor, all expenses incurred by any Director, Board Observer or executive officer in connection with such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay said amounts if it should be determined ultimately that such person is not entitled to be indemnified under this Article VII or otherwise.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise determined pursuant to paragraph (h) of this Article VII, Section 1, no advance shall be made by the Company to a Board Observer or an executive officer of the Company (except by reason of the fact that such Board Observer or executive officer is or was a Director of the Company in which event this paragraph shall not apply) in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, if a determination is reasonably and promptly made (i) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the proceeding, or (ii) if such quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, that the facts known to the decision-making party at the time such determination is made demonstrate clearly and convincingly that such person acted in bad faith or in a manner that such person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company.

(c) Enforcement.

Without the necessity of entering into an express contract, all rights to indemnification and advances to Directors, Board Observers and executive officers under this Article VII shall be deemed to be contractual rights and be effective to the same extent and as if provided for in a contract between the Company and the applicable Director, Board Observer or executive officer. Any right to indemnification or advances granted by this Article VII to a Director, Board Observer or executive officer shall be enforceable by or on behalf of the person holding such right in the forum in which the proceeding is or was pending or, if such forum is not available or a determination is made that such forum is not convenient, in any court of competent jurisdiction if (i) the claim for indemnification or advances is denied, in whole or in part, or (ii) no disposition of such claim is made within ninety (90) days of request therefor. The claimant in such

enforcement action, if successful in whole or in part, shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting his or her claim. The Company shall be entitled to raise as a defense to any such action that the claimant has not met the standards of conduct that make it permissible under the TBOC for the Company to indemnify the claimant for the amount claimed. Neither the failure of the Company (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or the LLC Member) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of the claimant is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the TBOC, nor an actual determination by the Company (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or the LLC Member) that the claimant has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct.

(d) Non-Exclusivity of Rights.

To the fullest extent permitted by the TBOC, the rights conferred on any person by this Article VII shall not be exclusive of any other right which such person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, this Agreement, agreement, vote of the LLC Member or disinterested Directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding office. The Company is specifically authorized to enter into individual contracts with any or all of its Directors, Board Observers, officers, employees or agents respecting indemnification and advances, to the fullest extent permitted by the TBOC and this Agreement.

(e) Survival of Rights.

The rights conferred on any person by this Article VII shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, Board Observer or executive officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(f) Insurance.

The Company, upon approval by the Board of Directors, may purchase insurance on behalf of any person required or permitted to be indemnified pursuant to this Article VII.

(g) Amendments.

Any repeal or modification of this Article VII shall only be prospective and shall not affect the rights under this Article VII in effect at the time of the alleged occurrence of any action or omission to act prior to such repeal or modification that is the cause of any proceeding against any agent of the Company.

(h) Saving Clause.

If this Article VII or any portion hereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the Company shall nevertheless indemnify each Director, Board Observer and executive officer to the fullest extent permitted by any applicable portion of this Article VII that shall not have been invalidated, or by any other applicable law.

(i) *Certain Definitions.*

For the purposes of this Article VII, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) The term “proceeding” shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, the investigation, preparation, prosecution, defense, settlement and appeal of any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitratve or investigative.

(ii) The term “expenses” shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, court costs, attorneys’ fees, witness fees, fines, amounts paid in settlement or judgment and any other costs and expenses of any nature or kind incurred in connection with any proceeding, including expenses of establishing a right to indemnification under this Article VII or any applicable law.

(iii) The term the “Company” shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, Board Observers, officers and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, Board Observer, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, Board Observer, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article VII with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

(iv) References to a “Director,” “Board Observer,” “officer,” “employee” or “agent” of the Company shall include, without limitation, situations where such person is serving at the request of the Company as a director, Board Observer, officer, employee, trustee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

Section 2. Exchange Not Liable

Except as provided in the Exchange Rules, the Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage sustained by any current or former Exchange Member growing out of the use or enjoyment by such Exchange Member of the facilities afforded by the Company (or any predecessor or successor thereof) or its affiliates.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments; Emergency Company Agreement

Section 1. By the LLC Member or Board

(a) This Agreement may be altered, amended or repealed, or a new Company Agreement may be adopted, (i) by the written consent of the LLC Member, or (ii) at any regular or special meeting of the Board or by a resolution adopted by the Board, in either case, subject to

the prior consent of certain investors in the LLC Member as set forth in Section 2 of the Stockholders' Agreement.

(b) Before any amendment to, or repeal of, any provision of this Agreement shall be effective, those changes shall be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Company and if such amendment or repeal must be filed with or filed with and approved by the Commission, then the proposed changes to this Agreement shall not become effective until filed with or filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Article VIII, Section 4 of this Agreement.

Section 2. Emergency Company Agreement

The Board may adopt an emergency Company Agreement, subject to repeal or change by action of the LLC Member which shall, notwithstanding any different provision of law, the Certificate of Formation or this Agreement, be operative during any emergency resulting from any nuclear or atomic disaster, an attack on the United States or on a locality in which the Company conducts its business or customarily holds meetings of the Board, any catastrophe or other emergency condition, as a result of which a quorum of the Board or a committee thereof cannot readily be convened for action. Such emergency Company Agreement may make any provision that may be practicable and necessary under the circumstances of the emergency.

Section 3. Authority to Take Action Under Extraordinary Market Conditions

The Board, or such person or persons as may be designated by the Board, in the event of extraordinary market conditions, shall have the authority to take any action regarding:

(a) the trading in or operation of the national securities exchange operated by the Company or any other organized securities markets that may be operated by the Company, the operation of any automated system owned or operated by the Company, and the participation in any such system of any or all persons or the trading therein of any or all securities; and

(b) the operation of any or all offices or systems of Exchange Members, if, in the opinion of the Board or the person or persons hereby designated, such action is necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors or the public interest or for the orderly operation of the marketplace or the system.

Section 4. Commission Approval

Before any amendment to, alteration or repeal of any provision of this Agreement under this Article VIII shall be effective, those changes shall be submitted to the Board and if the same must be filed with and approved by the Commission under Section 19 of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, then the proposed changes to this Agreement shall not become effective until filed with or filed with and approved by the Commission under Section 19 of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, as the case may be.

ARTICLE IX

Exchange Authorities

Section 1. Rules

(a) The Board, acting in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Rules, shall be vested with all powers necessary for the government of the Company as an “exchange” within the meaning of the Exchange Act. To promote and enforce just and equitable principles of trade and business, to maintain high standards of commercial honor and integrity among Exchange Members, to collaborate with governmental and other agencies in the promotion of fair practices and the elimination of fraud, and in general to carry out the purposes of the Company and of the Exchange Act, the Board is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and such amendments thereto as it may, from time to time, deem necessary or appropriate. If any such rules or amendments thereto are approved by the Commission or otherwise become effective as provided in the Exchange Act, they shall become operative Exchange Rules as of the date of Commission approval or effectiveness under the Exchange Act unless a later operative date is declared by the Company. The Board is hereby authorized, subject to the provisions of this Agreement and the Exchange Act, to administer, enforce, interpret, issue exemptions from, suspend or cancel any Rules adopted hereunder.

Section 2. Disciplinary Proceedings

(a) The Board is authorized to establish procedures relating to disciplinary proceedings involving Exchange Members and their associated persons.

(b) The Board is authorized to impose appropriate sanctions applicable to Exchange Members, including censure, fine, suspension or expulsion from membership, suspension or bar from being associated with all Exchange Members, limitation of activities, functions and operations of an Exchange Member, or any other fitting sanction, and to impose appropriate sanctions applicable to persons associated with Exchange Members, including censure, fine, suspension or barring a person associated with an Exchange Member from being associated with all Exchange Members, limitation of activities, functions and operations of a person associated with an Exchange Member, or any other fitting sanction, for:

(i) a breach by an Exchange Member or a person associated with an Exchange Member of any covenant with the Company or the LLC Member;

(ii) violation by an Exchange Member or a person associated with an Exchange Member of any of the terms, conditions, covenants and provisions of this Agreement, the Rules or the federal securities laws, including the rules and regulations adopted thereunder;

(iii) failure by an Exchange Member or person associated with an Exchange Member to: (A) submit a dispute for arbitration as may be required by the Rules; (B) appear or produce any document in the Exchange Member’s or person’s possession or control as directed pursuant to the Rules; (C) comply with an award of arbitrators properly rendered, where a timely motion to vacate or modify such award has not been made pursuant to applicable law or where such a motion has been denied; or (D) comply with a written and

executed settlement agreement obtained in connection with an arbitration or mediation submitted for disposition; or

(iv) failure by an Exchange Member or person associated with an Exchange Member to adhere to any ruling, order, direction, or decision of or to pay any sanction, fine or costs imposed by the Board or any entity to which the Board has delegated its powers.

Section 3. Membership Qualifications

(a) The Board shall have authority to adopt rules and regulations applicable to Exchange Members, applicants seeking to become Exchange Members, and persons associated with applicants or Exchange Members, establishing specified and appropriate standards with respect to the training, experience, competence, financial responsibility, operational capability and such other qualifications as the Board finds necessary or desirable.

(b) The Board may from time to time make such changes in such rules, regulations and standards as it deems necessary or appropriate.

(c) Uniform standards for regulatory and other access issues, such as admission to membership and conditions to becoming an Exchange market maker, shall be promulgated and applied on a consistent basis, and the Company shall institute safeguards to ensure fair and evenhanded access to all of its services and facilities.

Section 4. Fees, Dues, Assessments and Other Charges

The Board shall have authority to fix and levy the amount of fees, dues, assessments and other charges to be paid by Exchange Members and issuers and any other persons using any facility or system that the Company operates or controls; *provided, however*, that such fees, dues, assessments, and other charges shall be equitably allocated among Exchange Members and issuers and any other persons using any facility or system that the Company operates or controls. Any Regulatory Funds will not be used for non-regulatory purposes or distributed to the LLC Member, but rather, shall be applied to fund regulatory operations of the Company (including surveillance and enforcement activities), or, as the case may be, shall be used to pay restitution and disgorgement of funds intended for customers.

ARTICLE X

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. Operational Date of Exchange

The Company has been formed in anticipation of its registration by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a national securities exchange (such date of approval by the Commission, the “*Approval Date*”). During the period between formation and the first date on which the Company commences operating a national securities exchange (the “*Operational Date*”):

(a) references in this Agreement to “the national securities exchange operated by the Company” shall be construed as references to “the national securities exchange to be operated by the Company”; and

(b) the Board of Directors of the Company may appoint members of the committees to be established under this Agreement, but shall not be required to appoint all such committee members until the date immediately prior to the Operational Date.

Section 2. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Company shall be the calendar year.

Section 3. Participation in Board and Committee Meetings

All meetings of the Board (and any committees of the Board) pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including disciplinary matters) shall be closed to all persons other than members of the Board, Board Observers, officers, staff, counsel or other advisors whose participation is necessary or appropriate to the proper discharge of such regulatory functions and any representatives of the Commission. In no event shall members of the board of directors of the LLC Member who are not also members of the Board, any board observers of the LLC Member who are not also Board Observers, or any officers, staff, counsel or advisors of the LLC Member who are not also officers, staff, counsel or advisors of the Company (or any committees of the Board), be allowed to participate in any meetings of the Board (or any committee of the Board) pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including disciplinary matters).

Section 4. Books and Records; Confidentiality of Information and Records Relating to SRO Function

The books and records of the Company shall be maintained at a location within the United States. All books and records of the Company reflecting confidential information pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including but not limited to disciplinary matters, trading data, trading practices and audit information) shall be retained in confidence by the Company and its personnel, including its Directors, Board Observers, officers, employees and agents, and will not be used by the Company for any non-regulatory purposes and shall not be made available to any person (including, without limitation, any Exchange Member) other than to personnel of the Commission, and those personnel of the Company, members of committees of the Board, members of the Board, hearing officers and other agents of the Company to the extent necessary or appropriate to properly discharge the self-regulatory responsibilities of the Company. Nothing in this Article X, Section 4 shall be interpreted as to limit or impede the rights of the Commission to access and examine such confidential information pursuant to the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder, or to limit or impede the ability of any officers, Directors, Board Observers, employees or agents of the Company to disclose such confidential information to the Commission.

Section 5. Distributions

Subject to any provisions of any applicable statute or other provisions of this Agreement, distributions may be declared upon the profits of the Company by, and in the absolute discretion

of, the Board; and any such distributions may be paid in cash, property or units of membership interests of the Company, as determined by the Board, and shall be declared and paid on such dates and in such amounts as are determined by the Board. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Agreement, (i) the Company shall not be required to make a distribution to the LLC Member on account of its interest in the Company if such distribution would violate the TBOC or any other applicable law, and (ii) the Company shall not make a distribution to the LLC Member using Regulatory Funds or in violation of Article X, Section 4 of this Agreement.

Section 6. Power to Vote Stock

Unless otherwise instructed by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company shall have the power and authority on behalf of the Company to attend and to vote at any meeting of shareholders, partners or equity holders of any corporation, partnership or any other entity in which the Company may hold stock, partnership or other equity interests, as the case may be, and may exercise on behalf of the Company any and all of the rights and powers incident to the ownership of such stock, partnership or other equity interest at such meeting, and shall have the power and authority to execute and deliver proxies, waivers and consents on behalf of the Company in connection with the exercise by the Company of the rights and powers incident to the ownership of such stock, partnership or other equity interest. The Board and the Chief Executive Officer may from time to time confer like powers upon any other person or persons.

Section 7. Severability

If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of any provision of this Agreement to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 8. Tax Matters

The LLC Member intends that the Company shall be treated as a “disregarded entity” within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-2(c)(2) for federal and applicable state income tax purposes and will file its tax returns consistent with such treatment. Consistent therewith, all items of income, gain, loss, expense and deduction shall be items of the LLC Member for federal and applicable state income tax purposes.

Section 9. Transfer of Rights

The LLC Member may not transfer or assign in whole or in part its membership interest in the Company to any entity, unless such transfer or assignment shall be filed with and approved by the Commission under Section 19 of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder.

Section 10. Indemnification

(a) The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Texas, as if the Company were a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, the LLC Member and any officer, director, board observer, as applicable, and any affiliate thereof (individually, in each case, an “*Indemnitee*”), from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, costs damages, expenses, fines, settlements and causes of action of

any nature whatsoever (“*Losses*”) arising out of or incidental to the business, activities or operations of, or relating to, the Company, regardless of whether the Indemnitee continues to be the LLC Member or an officer, director, board observer, as applicable, or affiliate thereof at the time any such liability or expense is paid or incurred; *provided, however*, that neither the LLC Member nor an officer, director, board observer, as applicable, or affiliate thereof may be indemnified by the Company from and against any Losses which result from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such person.

(b) The indemnification provided by this Article X, Section 10 shall be in addition to any other rights to which an Indemnitee may be entitled under any other agreement, by vote of the LLC Member, as a matter of law or equity, or otherwise, both as to an action in the Indemnitee’s capacity as the LLC Member or an officer, director, board observer, as applicable, or affiliate thereof, and as to an action in another capacity, and shall continue as to an Indemnitee who has ceased to serve in such capacity and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors, assigns and administrators of the Indemnitee.

Section 11. Limited Liability

Except as otherwise expressly provided by the TBOC, the debts, obligations and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise (including, without limitation, those arising as member, owner or shareholder of another company, partnership or entity), shall be the debts, obligations and liabilities solely of the Company, and neither any LLC Member nor any Director, Board Observer or officer shall be obligated personally for any such debt, obligation or liability of the Company solely by reason of being an LLC Member, Director, Board Observer or officer of the Company.

Section 12. Capital Contributions

The LLC Member has contributed to the Company the amounts set forth in the books and records of the Company.

Section 13. Termination

(a) The Company shall be terminated and its affairs shall be wound up upon the first to occur of the following: (i) the occurrence of any dissolution or termination event set forth in this Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, (ii) the written consent of the LLC Member, (iii) the withdrawal or dissolution of the LLC Member or the occurrence of any other event which terminates the continued membership of the LLC Member in the Company unless the business of the Company is continued in a manner permitted by the TBOC, or (iv) a determination by a court under of Section 101.621 of the TBOC.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the bankruptcy of the LLC Member will not cause the LLC Member to cease to be a member of the Company, and upon the occurrence of such an event the business of the Company shall continue without termination.

(c) In connection with the termination of the Company, the LLC Member shall conduct only such activities as are necessary to wind up the affairs of the Company (including

the sale of the assets of the Company in an orderly manner), and the assets of the Company shall be applied in the manner, and in the order of priority, provided under the TBOC and applicable law.

(d) The Company shall terminate when (i) all of the assets of the Company, after payment of or due provision for all debts, liabilities and obligations of the Company, shall have been distributed to the LLC Member in the manner provided for in this Agreement and (ii) the Certificate of Termination shall have been filed in accordance with the TBOC.

Section 14. Severability of Provisions

Each provision of this Agreement shall be considered separable and if for any reason any provision or provisions herein are determined to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal under any existing or future law, such invalidity, unenforceability or illegality shall not impair the operation of or affect those portions of this Agreement which are valid, enforceable and legal.

Section 15. Entire Agreement

Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes and replaces any other written or oral agreement relating to the subject matter hereof, including any prior company agreement of the Company.

Section 16. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed under, the laws of the State of Texas (without regard to conflict of laws principles), all rights and remedies being governed by said laws. In this regard, the Company affirmatively elects to be governed by Section 101.256 of the TBOC.

Section 17. No Third-Party Beneficiary

Subject to Article X, Section 10 of this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party, other than the parties hereto and their respective permitted assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement and no person who is not a party to this Agreement may rely on the terms hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the LLC Member has executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

LLC MEMBER:

TXSE Group Inc.

/s/ James H. Lee

Name: James H. Lee

Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A
SCHEDULE OF LLC MEMBER

<u>Name</u>	Capital <u>Contribution</u>	Membership <u>Interest</u>
TXSE Group Inc. 4550 Travis Street Suite 650 Dallas, TX 75205	\$10.00	100%