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Proposed Rule Change by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934					
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Contact Information Provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change.					
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Municipal Securities has duly caused this f	iling to be signed on its behalf by the	undersigned thereunto dul	y authorized officer.		
By Ronald W. Sr	(Name *)	Corporate Secretary			
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information (required) clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the Remove View proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for **Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change** publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing (required) as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all Add Remove View references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Exhibit 2 - Notices. Written Comments. documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall **Transcripts, Other Communications** be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Add Remove View Exhibit Sent As Paper Document Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which Add Remove View it has been working. The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be Add Remove View considered part of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if View the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

(a) The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB" or "Board") is hereby filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") a proposed rule change ("proposed rule change") consisting of amendments to its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation ("Articles of Incorporation").

The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below, with underlining indicating additions and brackets indicating deletions.

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AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MUNICIPAL SECURITIES RULEMAKING BOARD

- 1 4. No change.
- 5. Directors, Terms of Office.
- (a) No change.
- (b) Terms of Office. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of 21 members who shall be divided into three classes of equal size that serve three year, staggered terms; provided, however, that two Directors who commenced their terms in 2009 and two Directors who commenced their terms in 2010 shall serve four year terms, in order to transition the Board of Directors to three equally-sized classes. Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the whole Board of Directors. Directors serving four year transitional terms shall be elected to such extended terms by a majority vote of the whole Board of Directors. [Directors shall be elected by the Board and shall serve staggered terms, with eleven Directors elected for fiscal year 2011 serving two year terms, five Directors elected for fiscal year 2012 serving three year terms, and five Directors elected for fiscal year 2010 serving three year terms, as provided by the Corporation's By-Laws.]

6 - 9. No change.

The effective date of this Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation shall be [February] October 1, 2011.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have signed my name this [26th] <u>30th</u> day of <u>September</u> [January], 2011.

MUNICIPAL SECURITIES RULEMAKING BOARD

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- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was adopted by the Board at its September 28, 2011 meeting. Questions concerning this filing may be directed to Lawrence P. Sandor, Senior Associate General Counsel, at (703) 797-6600.

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

(a) Purpose

On September 28, 2011 the Commission approved a proposed rule change consisting of amendments to MSRB Rule A-3, on membership on the Board. The amendments to A-3 established a permanent Board structure of 21 Board members divided into three classes, each class composed of seven members that will serve three-year terms. In addition, amended Rule A-3(h) sets forth a two-year transitional period, commencing October 1, 2012 and ending on September 30, 2014. During this transitional period, two Board Directors who commenced their terms in 2009 and two Board Directors who commenced their terms in 2010 shall serve four-year terms, in order to transition the Board of Directors to three equally sized classes.

The proposed rule change would make changes to the Articles of Incorporation as are necessary and appropriate in order to comply with Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 78o-4, as amended by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Pub. L. No. 111-203, § 975, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010) (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), and conform the Articles of Incorporation to amended MSRB Rule A-3.

(b) Statutory Basis

See SEC Release No. 34-65424, File No. SR-MSRB-2011-11 (September 28, 2011).

Sections 15B(b)(1) and (2) of the Exchange Act, ² as amended by the Dodd-Frank Act, require, among other things, that the rules of the Board establish fair procedures for the nomination and election of members of the Board and assure fair representation in such nominations and elections of public representatives, broker-dealer representatives, bank representatives, and advisor representatives and the terms that shall be served by such members. The MSRB believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15B(b)(1) and (2) of the Exchange Act, in that it conforms the Articles of Incorporation of the Board to the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act and amended MSRB Rule A-3.

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

The MSRB does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act, since the proposed rule change simply amends the Articles of Incorporation of the Board to comply with the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act and MSRB Rule A-3, and solely concerns the administration of the organization.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received on the proposed rule change.

6. Extension of Time Period of Commission Action

Not applicable.

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

The proposed rule change is to take effect upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Exchange Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(3) thereunder. The MSRB hereby designates the proposed rule change as concerned solely with the administration of the MSRB.

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

Not applicable.

9. Exhibits

1. Federal Register Notice

² 15 U.S.C. 780-4(b).

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-MSRB-2011-18)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on September 30, 2011, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("Board" or "MSRB") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the MSRB. The MSRB has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)³ of the Exchange Act, and Rule 19b-4(f)(3) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u>
<u>Rule Change</u>

The MSRB has filed with the SEC a proposed rule change consisting of an Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the MSRB's website at www.msrb.org/Rules-and-Interpretations/SEC-Filings/2011-Filings.aspx, at the MSRB's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

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 Board has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On September 28, 2011 the Commission approved a proposed rule change consisting of amendments to MSRB Rule A-3, on membership on the Board.⁵ The amendments to A-3 established a permanent Board structure of 21 Board members divided into three classes, each class composed of seven members that will serve three-year terms. In addition, amended Rule A-3(h) sets forth a two-year transitional period, commencing October 1, 2012 and ending on September 30, 2014. During this transitional period, two Board Directors who commenced their terms in 2009 and two Board Directors who commenced their terms in 2010 shall serve four-year terms, in order to transition the Board of Directors to three equally sized classes.

The proposed rule change would make changes to the Articles of Incorporation as are necessary and appropriate in order to comply with Section 15B of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §

⁵ See Release No. 34-65424, File No. SR-MSRB-2011-11 (September 28, 2011).

780-4, as amended by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Pub. L. No. 111-203, § 975, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010) (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), and conform the Articles of Incorporation to amended MSRB Rule A-3.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

Sections 15B(b)(1) and (2) of the Exchange Act, ⁶ as amended by the Dodd-Frank Act, require, among other things, that the rules of the Board establish fair procedures for the nomination and election of members of the Board and assure fair representation in such nominations and elections of public representatives, broker-dealer representatives, bank representatives, and advisor representatives and the terms that shall be served by such members. The MSRB believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15B(b)(1) and (2) of the Exchange Act, in that it conforms the Articles of Incorporation of the Board to the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act and amended MSRB Rule A-3.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The MSRB does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act, since the proposed rule change simply amends the Articles of Incorporation of the Board to comply with the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act and MSRB Rule A-3, and solely concerns the administration of the organization.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received on the proposed rule change.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of

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⁶ 15 U.S.C. 780-4(b).

the Exchange Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(3) thereunder⁸ because it is concerned solely with the operation and administration of the MSRB. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act.⁹

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 Exchange Act.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-MSRB-2011-18 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MSRB-2011-18. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

⁹ See Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

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of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the MSRB's offices. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MSRB-2011-18 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. ¹⁰

Elizabeth M. Murphy Secretary

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