

March 10, 2017

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Secretary Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: <u>CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC Rule Certification</u>

Submission Number CFE-2017-005

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended ("Act"), and §40.6(a) of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") under the Act, CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC ("CFE" or "Exchange") hereby submits a CFE rule amendment ("Amendment") to update CFE's Limited Liability Company ("LLC") Agreement and corollary CFE rules. The Amendment will become effective on March 24, 2017.

CFE's LLC Agreement and rules provide that the CFE Board of Directors shall appoint certain specified officers and may appoint such other officers as it may deem necessary and appropriate from time to time. CFE's LLC Agreement and rules also provide that the CFE President shall be the individual serving from time to time as the President of CBOE Holdings, Inc. ("CBOE Holdings"), the parent company of CFE. Although CFE's current LLC Agreement and rules allow for the CFE Board of Directors to appoint a Chief Executive Officer of CFE, CFE has not previously had a Chief Executive Officer and a Chief Executive Officer is not one of the CFE officer positions that is specifically referenced in CFE's LLC Agreement and rules. In order to promote consistency between the officer structure of CFE and other exchanges and trading venues that are directly or indirectly owned by CBOE Holdings, CFE now intends to have a Chief Executive Officer.

As is the case with CFE's President, the Amendment revises CFE's LLC Agreement and rules to provide that the Chief Executive Officer of CFE shall be the individual serving as the Chief Executive Officer of CBOE Holdings from time to time. The Amendment also clarifies that the CFE Chairman of the Board is not a CFE officer position and provides that the Chief Executive Officer may remove CFE officers other than the President. Finally, the Amendment makes non-substantive changes to the LLC Agreement to amend and restate the LLC Agreement with these revisions and to delete a schedule to the LLC Agreement with a list of CFE directors since that list changes as CFE's directors change.

The Amendment consists of the amendments to CFE's rules set forth in Exhibit A hereto and the amendments to CFE's LLC Agreement which are shown in the marked copy of CFE's Sixth Amended and Restated LLC Agreement set forth in Exhibit B hereto which shows the changes from CFE's current LLC Agreement.

CFE believes that the Amendment is consistent with DCM Core Principle 7 (Availability of General Information) under Section 5 of the Act in that the Amendment specifies in CFE's rules that CFE will have a Chief Executive Officer, how that position will be filled, and the Chief Executive Officer's authority in relation to the removal of other officers.

CFE believes that the impact of the Amendment will be beneficial to the public and market participants. CFE is not aware of any substantive opposing views to the Amendment. CFE hereby certifies that the Amendment complies with the Act and the regulations thereunder. CFE further certifies that CFE has posted a notice of pending certification with the Commission and a copy of this submission on CFE's Web site (<a href="http://cfe.cboe.com/aboutcfe/rules.aspx">http://cfe.cboe.com/aboutcfe/rules.aspx</a>) concurrent with the filing of this submission with the Commission.

Questions regarding this submission may be directed to Arthur Reinstein at (312) 786-7570 or Nicole Gordon at (312) 786-8109. Please reference our submission number CFE-2017-005 in any related correspondence.

CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC

Michael J. Molles

By: Michael J. Mollet Managing Director

### Exhibit A

(Amendments are shown with <u>underlining</u> for additions and [brackets] for deletions)

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## CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC Rules

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#### Rule 118A. Chief Executive Officer

The term "Chief Executive Officer" means the individual serving as chief executive officer of CBOE Holdings from time to time.

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### Rule 201. Management by the Board

(a) - (e) No changes.

(f) The Board shall have the power to elect such officers of the Exchange as it may deem necessary or appropriate from time to time. All officers of the Exchange elected by the Board shall hold office for such terms as may be determined by the Board or until their respective successors are chosen. Any officer, other than the [Chairman of the Board] Chief Executive Officer and the President, may be removed from his or her position as an officer of the Exchange at any time either with or without cause by the [Chairman of the Board] Chief Executive Officer, the President or the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board then in office. Each of the officers of the Exchange shall have the powers and duties prescribed by the Board and, unless otherwise prescribed by the Board, shall have such further powers and duties as ordinarily pertain to that office.

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#### Rule 205. Officers

The <u>Chief Executive Officer shall be the individual serving as chief executive officer of CBOE Holdings from time to time, and the President shall be the individual serving as president of CBOE Holdings from time to time. The Board shall appoint one or more Managing Directors or Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Chief Regulatory Officer, a General Counsel and such other officers as it may deem necessary or appropriate from time to time, in each case for such term and on such other conditions as it sees fit. Any officer of the Exchange may be a director, officer or employee of CBOE Holdings or CBOE.</u>

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#### Exhibit B

(Amendments are shown with <u>double-underlining</u> for additions and <del>strike-through</del> for deletions)

### FIFTHSIXTH AMENDED AND RESTATED

### LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

OF

#### CBOE FUTURES EXCHANGE, LLC

WHEREAS, CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company"), was formed on July 16, 2002, pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (6 Del.C. §§ 18 101, et seq.) (the "Act");

WHEREAS, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE") was the sole member of the Company until the demutualization of CBOE;

WHEREAS, in connection with the demutualization of CBOE on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2010, CBOE issued a dividend to CBOE Holdings, Inc. ("CBOE Holdings") that included all of CBOE's interest in the Company, and as a result the Company became a wholly owned subsidiary of CBOE Holdings on that date;

WHEREAS, CBOE Holdings CBOE Holdings, Inc. ("CBOE Holdings") is executing this Fifth Sixth Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement (this "Agreement") for the purpose of amending and restating the FourthFifth Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC (the "Company"), dated as of April 26, 2010, to reflect that CBOE Holdings is now the sole member of the June 18, 2010, pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (6 Del.C. §§ 18-101, et seq.) (the "Act"), and to make other changes to the Agreement; NOW THEREFORE, CBOE Holdings does hereby certify and agree as follows:

- Section 1. <u>Name</u>. The name of the Company shall be "CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC" or such other name as the Board of Directors (as defined below) may from time to time hereafter designate.
- Section 2. <u>Purpose</u>. 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 Act and engaging in any and all activities necessary or incidental to the foregoing.
- Section 3. Offices. (a) The principal place of business and office of the Company shall be located at, and the Company's business shall be conducted from, such place or places as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.
- (b) The registered office of the Company in the State of Delaware shall be located at The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. The name and address of the registered agent of the Company for service of process on the Company in the State of Delaware shall be The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

- Section 4. Member. The sole Member ("Member") of the Company is CBOE Holdings.
- Section 5. <u>Term.</u> The term of the Company commenced on the date of filing of the Certificate of Formation of the Company in accordance with the Act and shall continue until dissolution of the Company in accordance with the Act or Section 12 of this Agreement.
- Section 6. Management of the Company. (a) The sole Member hereby exclusively vests the power to manage, operate and set policies for the Company in a management board (the "Board of Directors"). The Board of Directors of the Company shall consist of at least five individuals elected by the sole Member. At least thirty-five percent of the Directors on the Board of Directors shall be Public Directors. The sole Member shall designate one of the Directors on the Board to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The individuals elected to the Board of Directors by the sole Member and the Director designated as Chairman of the Board of Directors by the sole Member shall hold office for such term as may be determined by the sole Member or until their respective successors are chosen. The current members of the Board of Directors and the current Chairman of the Board of Directors are listed in Schedule A, which shall automatically be amended as the individuals on the Board of Directors and the Director serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors change from time to time. Directors may be removed from, and substitute or additional Directors may be appointed to, the Board of Directors, at any time by the sole Member. The Chairman of the Board of Directors may be removed from that position, and a different member of the Board may be designated as Chairman of the Board, at any time by the sole Member. Each Director is designated a "manager" of the Company within the meaning of the Act.
- (b) A "<u>Public Director</u>" is a member of the Board of Directors with the following qualifications:
- (i) To qualify as a Public Director of the Company, an individual must first be found, by the Board of Directors, on the record, to have no relationship with the Company that reasonably could affect the independent judgment or decision making of the individual as a Public Director.
- (ii) In addition, an individual shall not qualify as a Public Director if any of the following circumstances exist:
- (A) The individual is, or was within the last year, an officer or employee of the Company or an officer or employee of any affiliate of the Company;
- (B) The individual is, or was within the last year, a Trading Privilege Holder (as such term is defined by the rules of the Company promulgated in accordance with the Commodity Exchange Act and the regulations thereunder) or an officer or director of such a Trading Privilege Holder;
- (C) The individual, or a firm with which the individual is an officer, director or partner, receives, or received within the last year, more than \$100,000 in combined annual payments from the Company, or any affiliate of the Company, for legal, accounting or consulting services. Compensation for services as a director of the Company or as a director of an affiliate of the Company does not count toward the \$100,000 payment limit, nor does deferred compensation for services prior to becoming a director, so long as such compensation is in no way contingent, conditioned or revocable.

- (D) Any of the above relationships in this paragraph (b)(ii) apply to a member of the Director's "immediate family," i.e., spouse, parents, children and siblings.
- (iv) Public Directors of the Company may also serve as directors of Company affiliates if the individuals otherwise meet the definition of Public Director in this Section 6(b).
- (v) For purposes of this Section 6(b), "affiliate" includes parents or subsidiaries of the Company or entities that share a common parent with the Company.
- (vi) The Company shall disclose to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission which members of the Board of Directors are Public Directors, and the basis for those determinations.
- (c) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the principal place of business of the Company or at any other place that the Chairman of the Board of Directors may determine from time to time. Members of the Board of Directors may participate in such meetings by conference telephone or similar 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 such a meeting. The presence of at least 50% of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, <u>provided</u> that members of the Board that are recused with respect to a particular issue nevertheless shall be deemed present for the purpose of determining the existence of a quorum. Board meetings shall be held in accordance with the schedule established by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and shall be called by the Secretary of the Company upon the written request of any two Directors. The Secretary shall give at least one hour's notice of such meeting to each Director.
- (d) Decisions of the Board of Directors shall require the approval of a majority of the Directors voting at a meeting; <u>provided</u> that should the Board of Directors be unable to render a decision due to a tie in the vote, then the sole Member may make the decision in lieu of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors also may make decisions, without holding a meeting, in either of the following ways:
- (i) The Board of Directors may make decisions by written consent of all of the Directors. Any such written consent may be executed in any number of counterparts, each such counterpart being deemed to be an original instrument, and all such counterparts together constituting the same consent. Written consent also may be transmitted by means of "electronic transmission" as described in the Act.
- (ii) The members of the Board of Directors may be individually polled to vote on issues (x) requiring prompt action or action prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting and (y) where the calling of a special Board meeting, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Board of Directors or the President of the Company, would be impractical. Any such poll may be conducted by telephone, by means of electronic transmission, and/or in person. An attempt shall be made to contact each Director in any such poll. A poll reaching at least 50% of the Directors shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum of the Board and the approval of a majority of the Directors voting in such a poll shall constitute requisite Board action, even if all Directors are not reached in connection with the poll. The results of any such poll shall be reported at the next physical meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may establish such other rules and procedures not inconsistent with the foregoing for its deliberations as it may deem necessary or desirable.

- (e) The Executive Committee of the Company shall consist of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company and one or more other members of the Board of Directors appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors with the approval of the Board of Directors. At least thirty-five percent of the Directors on the Executive Committee shall be Public Directors. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all of the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Company, except that it shall not have any power or authority to amend the certificate of formation of the Company or this Agreement, each as amended or otherwise modified from time to time; adopt any agreement of merger or consolidation; approve the sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the Exchange's property and assets; or approve the dissolution of the Company or a revocation of a dissolution.
- (f) The Board of Directors shall have the power by itself or through agents, and shall be authorized and empowered on behalf and in the name of the Company, to carry out all of the objects and purposes of the Company and to perform all acts and enter into and perform all acts and other undertakings that it may in its discretion deem necessary or advisable in that regard, in each case in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. A Director acting individually in his or her capacity shall have the power to act for or bind the Company to the extent authorized to do so by the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board of DirectorsChief Executive Officer, the President and the Secretary are each hereby designated as authorized persons, within the meaning of the Act, to execute and file any amendments to, or restatements of, the Certificate of Formation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and any applicable filings as a foreign limited liability company in any State where such filings may be necessary or desirable. The Board of Directors may confer upon any officer of the Company elected in accordance with paragraph (f) below, any of the powers of the Board of Directors set forth in this Agreement.
- the Chief Executive Officer of the Sole Member from time to time, and the President of the Company shall be the individual serving as the President of the sole Member from time to time. The Board of Directors shall have the power to elect such other officers of the Company as it may deem necessary or appropriate from time to time. All officers of the Company elected by the Board of Directors shall hold office for such term as may be determined by the Board of Directors or until their respective successors are chosen. Any officer, other than the Chairman of the Board of DirectorsChief Executive Officer and the President, may be removed from office at any time either with or without cause by the Chairman of the Board of DirectorsChief Executive Officer, the President or the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in office. Each of the officers of the Company shall have the powers and duties prescribed by the Board of Directors and, unless otherwise prescribed by the Board of Directors, shall have such further powers and duties as ordinarily pertain to that office.
- Section 7. <u>Liability; Indemnification</u>. (a) Except as otherwise provided by the Act, neither CBOE Holdings, solely by reason of being the sole Member of the Company, nor any director, officer, employee or agent of the Company, solely by reason of acting in such capacity (including a person having more than one such capacity), shall be personally liable for any expenses, liabilities, debts or obligations of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise.

- The Company shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law as it (b) presently exists or may hereafter be amended, indemnify and hold harmless any person who was or is made or is threatened to be made a party or is otherwise involved in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer or member of a committee of the Board of Directors or the Company, or, while a director or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director or officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise or non-profit entity, including service with respect to employee benefit plans (collectively, a "Covered Person"), against all liability and loss suffered and expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such Covered Person in connection with a proceeding; provided, however, that no Covered Person shall be entitled to indemnification in connection with a proceeding (i) if that indemnification is impermissible under the Commodity Exchange Act or the regulations thereunder, (ii) unless the Covered Person acted in good faith, not in a wanton and willful manner, and in a manner the Covered Person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and (iii) with respect to any criminal proceeding, unless the Covered Person had no reasonable cause to believe the Covered Person's conduct was unlawful. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, except as otherwise provided in Section (c) of this Section 7, the Company shall be required to indemnify a Covered Person in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) commenced by such Covered Person only if the commencement of such proceeding (or part thereof) by the Covered Person was authorized in the specific case by the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (c) Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a Covered Person in defending a proceeding, including appeals, shall, to the extent not prohibited by law, be paid by the Company in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to advance any expenses to a person against whom the Company directly brings an action, suit or proceeding alleging that such person (i) committed an act or omission not in good faith or (ii) committed an act of intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law. Additionally, an advancement of expenses incurred by a Covered Person shall be made only upon delivery to the Company of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such Covered Person, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal or otherwise in accordance with Delaware law that such Covered Person is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under this Section 7.
- (d) If a claim for indemnification (following the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding) or advancement of expenses under this Section 7 is not paid in full within thirty days after a written claim therefor by the Covered Person has been received by the Company, the Covered Person may file suit to recover the unpaid amount of such claim and, if successful in whole or in part, shall be entitled to be paid the expense of prosecuting such claim to the fullest extent permitted by law. In any action the Company shall have the burden of proving that the Covered Person is not entitled to the requested indemnification or advancement of expenses under applicable law.
- (e) The provisions of this Section 7 shall be deemed to be a contract between the Company and each Covered Person who serves in any such capacity at any time while this Section 7 is in effect, and any repeal or modification of any applicable law or of this Section 7 shall not affect any rights or obligations then existing with respect to any state of facts then or theretofore existing or any action, suit or proceeding theretofore or thereafter brought or

threatened based in whole or in part upon any such state of facts.

- (f) Persons not expressly covered by the foregoing provisions of this Section 7, such as those (i) who are or were employees or agents of the Company, or are or were serving at the request of the Company as employees or agents of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, or (ii) who are or were directors, officers, employees or agents of a constituent corporation absorbed in a consolidation or merger in which the Company was the resulting or surviving corporation, or who are or were serving at the request of such constituent corporation as directors, officers, employees or agents of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, may be indemnified or advanced expenses to the extent authorized at any time or from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- (g) The rights conferred on any Covered Person by this Section 7 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Covered Person may be entitled by law or otherwise, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.
- (h) The Company's obligation, if any, to indemnify or to advance expenses to any Covered Person who was or is serving at its request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise or nonprofit entity shall be reduced by any amount such Covered Person may collect as indemnification or advancement of expenses from such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise or non-profit entity.
- (i) Any repeal or modification of the foregoing provisions of this Section 7 shall not adversely affect any right or protection hereunder of any Covered Person in respect of any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.
- (j) The Company may purchase and maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any director, manager, officer, trustee, employee or agent of the Company or another corporation, or of a partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss (as such terms are used in this Section 7), whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the Act.
- Section 8. <u>Capital Contributions</u>. The sole Member may make capital contributions to the Company in such amounts and at such times as it deems necessary or appropriate in its sole discretion.
- Section 9. <u>Assignment of Member's Interest</u>. The sole Member may assign all, but not part, of its interest to any of its affiliates.
- Section 10. <u>Distributions</u>. Distributions of cash or other assets of the Company shall be made at such time and in such amounts as the sole Member, by itself or through a power of attorney, or the Board of Directors may determine.
- Section 11. Return of Capital. The sole Member has no right to receive, but the Board of Directors has absolute discretion to make, any distributions to the sole Member which include a return of all or any part of the sole Member's capital contribution; <u>provided</u> that upon the dissolution of the Company, the assets of the Company shall be distributed as provided in Section 18-804 of the Act.

Section 12. <u>Dissolution</u>. The Company shall be dissolved and its affairs wound up and terminated upon the determination of the Board of Directors or upon the consent of the sole Member to dissolve the Company. Such dissolution and winding up shall be carried out in accordance with the Act.

Section 13. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Company shall be the twelve month period ending on December 31 of each year.

Section 14. <u>Amendments</u>. This Agreement may be amended only upon the written consent of the sole Member.

Section 15. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be subject to, and governed by, the laws of the State of Delaware.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this <u>FourthSixth</u> Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, <u>2010.March 24, 2017.</u>

CBOE Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation

By:

Edward JT. JoyceTilly

PresidentChairman and Chief

OperatingExecutive Officer

# **SCHEDULE A**

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<u>Names</u>

Edward Tilly, Chairman

**Lawrence Blum** 

Michael Gorham

Israel Nelken

**Vacancy**