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Proposed Rule Change by Boston Stock Exchange Clearing Corporation Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934								
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<b>Description</b> Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked *). a proposed rule change with respect to the amendment of the by-laws of its parent corporation, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.								
<b>Contact Information</b> 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. First Name * John Last Name * Yetter Title * Vice President E-mail * john.yetter@nasdaqomx.com Telephone * (301) 978-8497 Fax (301) 978-8472								
<b>Signature</b> Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer. Date 07/11/2012 By Edward S. Knight Executive Vice President and General Counsel (Name *) (Title *)  NOTE: Clicking the button at right will digitally sign and lock this form. A digital signature is as legally binding as a physical signature, and once signed, this form cannot be changed. Edward S Knight,								

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**Form 19b-4 Information (required)**

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

**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change (required)**

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

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

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Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

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

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

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

**Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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

**Partial Amendment**

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

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> Boston Stock Exchange Clearing Corporation ("BSECC" or the "Corporation") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change with respect to the amendment of the by-laws of its parent corporation, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. ("NASDAQ OMX").

The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

(b) and (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The Board of Directors of NASDAQ OMX approved the proposed rule change on May 22, 2012. As provided in Article EIGHTH, Paragraph B of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of NASDAQ OMX and Section 11.3 of its By-Laws, proposed amendments to the By-Laws are to be reviewed by the Board of Directors of each self-regulatory subsidiary of NASDAQ OMX, and if any such proposed amendment must, under Section 19 of the Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, be filed with, or filed with and approved by, the Commission before such amendment may be effective, then such amendment shall not be effective until filed with, or filed with and approved by, the Commission, as the case may be. Accordingly the Boards of Directors of NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC ("Phlx"), The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ"), and NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX") approved the proposed rule change on June 5, 2012;

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

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

and the Boards of Directors of the Corporation and the Stock Clearing Corporation of Philadelphia (“SCCP”) approved the proposed rule change on June 11, 2012. Each such board has determined that the proposed rule change should be filed with the Commission. The proposed rule change does not require approval by NASDAQ OMX stockholders. The proposed amendments will be implemented upon approval by the Commission.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to John M. Yetter, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, NASDAQ OMX, at (301) 978-8497.

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

a. Purpose

NASDAQ OMX is proposing amendments to provisions of its by-laws pertaining to the composition of the Management Compensation Committee of the NASDAQ OMX Board of Directors. Specifically, NASDAQ OMX is amending the compositional requirements of its Management Compensation Committee in Section 4.13 to replace a requirement that the committee be composed of a majority of Non-Industry Directors<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> An “Industry Director” means a Director (excluding any two officers of NASDAQ OMX, selected at the sole discretion of the Board, amongst those officers who may be serving as Directors (the “Staff Directors”)) who (1) 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; (2) is an officer, director (excluding an outside director), or employee of an entity that owns more than ten percent of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more than five percent of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (3) owns more than five percent of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed ten percent 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; (4) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s firm or partnership; (5) provides professional services to a director, officer, or employee of a broker, dealer, or corporation that owns 50 percent or

with a requirement that the number of Non-Industry Directors on the committee equal or exceed the number of Industry Directors. Thus, in the case of a committee composed of four Directors, the current by-law provides that only one Director may be an Industry Director, while the amended by-law would allow up to two Directors to be Industry Directors. The proposed compositional requirement for the committee with regard to the balance between Industry Directors and Non-Industry Directors would be the same as that already provided for in the by-laws with respect to the Executive Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee, as well as the full Board of Directors.

NASDAQ OMX and the Corporation believe that the change will provide greater flexibility to NASDAQ OMX with regard to populating a committee that includes Directors with relevant expertise and that is not excessively large in relation to the size of the full Board of Directors, while continuing to ensure that Directors associated with members of NASDAQ OMX's exchange subsidiaries and other broker-dealers do not exert disproportionate influence of the governance of NASDAQ OMX. As required by

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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 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director's firm or partnership; or (6) has a consulting or employment relationship with or provides professional services to NASDAQ OMX or any affiliate thereof or to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") or has had any such relationship or provided any such services at any time within the prior three years.

A "Non-Industry Director" means a Director (excluding the Staff Directors) who is (1) a Public Director; (2) an officer, director, or employee of an issuer of securities listed on a national securities exchange operated by any subsidiary of NASDAQ OMX that is a self-regulatory organization; or (3) any other individual who would not be an Industry Director.

A "Public Director" means a Director who has no material business relationship with a broker or dealer, NASDAQ OMX or its affiliates, or FINRA.

NASDAQ Stock Market Rule 5605(d), the committee would continue at all times to be composed solely of Directors who are independent within the meaning of that rule.

b. Statutory Basis

The Corporation believes that that the proposed rule change is consistent with provisions of Section 17A of the Act.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, the Corporation believes that the change will provide greater flexibility to NASDAQ OMX with regard to populating a committee that includes Directors with relevant expertise and that is not excessively large in relation to the size of the full Board of Directors, while continuing to ensure that Directors associated with members of NASDAQ OMX's exchange subsidiaries and other broker-dealers do not exert disproportionate influence of the governance of NASDAQ OMX.

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

The Corporation does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Corporation does not consent to an extension of the time period for Commission action.

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

Not applicable.

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<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

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

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

9. Exhibits

1. Form of Notice of the Proposed Rule Change for the Federal Register.
5. Text of Proposed By-Law Amendments.

**EXHIBIT 1**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-BSECC-2012-001)

July \_\_, 2012

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change with Respect to the Amendment of the By-Laws of its Parent Corporation, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (“NASDAQ OMX”)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on July 11, 2012, Boston Stock Exchange Clearing Corporation (“BSECC” or the “Corporation”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Corporation. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Corporation proposes a rule change with respect to the amendment of the by-laws of its parent corporation, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (“NASDAQ OMX”). The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Corporation included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it

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

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

received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Corporation has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

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with a requirement that the number of Non-Industry Directors on the committee equal or exceed the number of Industry Directors. Thus, in the case of a committee composed of four Directors, the current by-law provides that only one Director may be an Industry Director, while the amended by-law would allow up to two Directors to be Industry Directors. The proposed compositional requirement for the committee with regard to the balance between Industry Directors and Non-Industry Directors would be the same as that already provided for in the by-laws with respect to the Executive Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee, as well as the full Board of Directors.

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A "Public Director" means a Director who has no material business relationship with a broker or dealer, NASDAQ OMX or its affiliates, or FINRA.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Corporation believes that that the proposed rule change is consistent with provisions of Section 17A of the Act.<sup>4</sup> Specifically, the Corporation believes that the change will provide greater flexibility to NASDAQ OMX with regard to populating a committee that includes Directors with relevant expertise and that is not excessively large in relation to the size of the full Board of Directors, while continuing to ensure that Directors associated with members of NASDAQ OMX's exchange subsidiaries and other broker-dealers do not exert disproportionate influence of the governance of NASDAQ OMX.

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

The Corporation does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

### C. 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.

## III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Corporation consents, the Commission shall: (a) by order approve or

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<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

disapprove such proposed rule change, or (b) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-BSECC-2012-001 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-BSECC-2012-001. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used.

To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C.

552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the Corporation. 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-BSECC-2012-001, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>5</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill  
Deputy Secretary

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<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**EXHIBIT 5**

The text of the proposed amendment is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

**BY-LAWS OF THE NASDAQ OMX GROUP, INC.**

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**Article IV Board of Directors****Sec. 4.1 – Sec. 4.12**

No change.

**Sec. 4.13 Committees**

(a) – (e) No change.

(f) The Board shall appoint a Management Compensation Committee. The Management Compensation Committee shall consider and recommend compensation policies, programs, and practices for employees of the Corporation. The number of Non-Industry Directors [A majority of] on the Management Compensation Committee [members] shall [be Non-Industry Directors] equal or exceed the number of Industry Directors on the Management Compensation Committee. A Management Compensation Committee member shall hold office for a term of one year. Each member of the Management Compensation Committee shall be an independent director within the meaning of the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market.

(g) – (j) No change.

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