

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Renewal.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission is publishing this notice to announce the renewal of the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. – App., the Commission is publishing this notice that the Chair of the Commission, with the concurrence of the other Commissioners, has approved the renewal of the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies (the “Committee”). The Chair of the Commission affirms that the renewal of the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

The Committee’s objective is to provide the Commission with advice on its rules, regulations, and policies, with regard to its mission of protecting investors, maintaining fair, orderly, and efficient markets, and facilitating capital formation, as they relate to the following:

- (1) capital raising by emerging privately held small businesses (“emerging companies”) and publicly traded companies with less than \$250 million in public market capitalization (“smaller public companies”) through securities offerings, including private and limited offerings and initial and other public offerings;
- (2) trading in the securities of emerging companies and smaller public companies; and
- (3) public reporting and corporate governance requirements of emerging companies and smaller public companies.

Up to 20 voting members will be appointed to the Committee who can effectively represent those directly affected by, interested in, and/or qualified to provide advice to the Commission on its rules, regulations, and policies as set forth above. The Committee’s membership will continue to be balanced fairly in terms of points of view represented and functions to be performed. Non-voting observers for the Committee from the North American Securities Administrators Association and the U.S. Small Business Administration may also be named.

The charter provides that the duties of the Committee are to be solely advisory. The Commission alone will make any determinations of action to be taken and policy to be expressed with respect to matters within the Commission’s authority as to which the Committee provides advice or makes recommendations. The Committee will meet at such intervals as are necessary to carry out its functions. The charter contemplates that the full Committee will meet four times annually. Meetings of subgroups or subcommittees of the full Committee may occur more frequently.

The Committee will operate for two years from the date it was renewed or such earlier date as determined by the Commission unless, before the expiration of that time period, it is renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the charter for the Committee has been filed with the Chair of the Commission, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the United States Senate, the Committee on Financial Services of the United States House of Representatives, the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, and the Library of Congress. It also has been posted on the Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

By the Commission.

Dated: September 24, 2015

Brent J. Fields
Secretary