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Dear Stockholder:

I am pleased to invite you to our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be held on June 5, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. (local time), at the offices of Synchronoss Technologies, Inc., 200 Crossing Boulevard, 8th Floor, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

At the meeting, we will be electing one member of our Board of Directors, ratifying the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, holding an advisory vote on executive compensation, approving an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan and acting upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Additional details regarding admission to the 2019 Annual Meeting and the business to be conducted are described in the accompanying proxy materials. Also included is a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018. We encourage you to read this information carefully.

It is important that your shares be represented and voted at the 2019 Annual Meeting. As discussed in the Proxy Statement, voting by proxy does not deprive you of your right to attend the Annual Meeting.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING, WE HOPE YOU WILL VOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY VOTE OVER THE INTERNET, BY TELEPHONE OR BY MAILING A PROXY CARD. VOTING OVER THE INTERNET, BY TELEPHONE OR BY WRITTEN PROXY WILL ENSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU ATTEND IN PERSON. PLEASE REVIEW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS YOU RECEIVED IN THE MAIL REGARDING EACH OF THESE VOTING OPTIONS.

If you have any questions concerning the annual meeting or the proposals, please contact our Investor Relations department at (800) 575-7606 or MacKenzie Partners, Inc., our proxy solicitor, at (800) 322-2885. For questions regarding your stock ownership, you may contact our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Co., by e-mail through their website at *www.amstock.com* or by phone at (800) 937-5449 (within the U.S. and Canada) or (718) 921-8124 (outside the U.S. and Canada).

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express our appreciation for your continued interest in the affairs of Synchronoss Technologies.

Sincerely,

Glenn Lurie President and Chief Executive Officer April 22, 2019

The use of cameras at the Annual Meeting is prohibited and they will not be allowed into the meeting or any other related areas, except by credentialed media. We realize that many cellular phones have built-in digital cameras, and while these phones may be brought into the venue, the camera function may not be used at any time.

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Synchronoss Technologies, Inc. 200 Crossing Boulevard Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF SYNCHRONOSS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Date: June 5, 2019 **Time:** 11:00 a.m.

Place: Synchronoss Corporate Headquarters

200 Crossing Boulevard, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

AGENDA:

Election of one member of the Company's Board of Directors to serve until the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders of the Company;

Ratification of appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2019;

Advisory vote on executive compensation;

Approval of an amendment and restatement of the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan") to, among other things, increase the aggregate number of shares authorized for issuance under the 2015 Plan; and

Transaction of other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Record date: You can vote if you were a stockholder of record on April 10, 2019.

A Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials ("Notice") has been mailed to stockholders of record on or about April 22, 2019. The Notice contains instructions on how to access our proxy statement for our 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Proxy Statement") and our annual report for the year ended December 31, 2018 on Form 10-K (together with the Proxy Statement, the "proxy materials"). The Notice also provides instructions on how to vote online, by telephone or by mail and includes instructions on how to receive a paper copy of proxy materials by mail. The proxy materials can be accessed directly at the following Internet address: http://materials.proxyvote.com/87157B.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice. The stock transfer books will not be closed between the record date and the date of the Annual Meeting. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for inspection at Synchronoss' corporate headquarters at the address listed above for the ten-day period prior to the Annual Meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Ronald J. Prague Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary April 22, 2019

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to be held on June 5, 2019: The proxy statement and annual report to stockholders and the means to vote by Internet are available at www.synchronoss.com

WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON, PLEASE FOLLOW THE INTERNET VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR PROXY CARD IN ORDER TO ASSURE REPRESENTATION OF YOUR SHARES.

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Proxy Summary

Proposals to be Voted On:

The following proposals will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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Proposal 3: Advisory vote on executive compensation	Page 85	For
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Internet	Phone	Mail	In Person

You may vote by proxy via the Internet at www.proxyvote.com by following the instructions provided in the Notice or the proxy card.

You may vote by proxy by telephone by following the instructions provided in the Notice or the proxy card, by calling (800) 690-6903.

If you are a stockholder of record, you may cast your vote in any of the following ways:

If you received printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you may vote by proxy by filling out, signing and dating the proxy card, and returning it in the envelope provided.

Attend the Annual Meeting at our Headquarters located at 200 Crossing Blvd., 8th Floor, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

If you are a beneficial owner holding shares through a bank, broker or other nominee, please refer to your Notice or other information forwarded by your bank or broker to see which voting options are available to you.

This proxy statement ("Proxy Statement") is furnished in connection with solicitation of proxies by our Board of Directors ("Board") for use at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held at 200 Crossing Boulevard, 8th Floor, Bridgewater, New Jersey, at 11:00 a.m. local time on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, and any postponements or adjournments thereof. Beginning on or about April 22, 2019, we mailed to our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") containing instructions on how to access our proxy materials. As used in this proxy statement, the terms "Synchronoss," the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" mean Synchronoss Technologies, Inc. and its subsidiaries unless the context indicates otherwise.

Attendance at the Annual Meeting

If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, you must be a stockholder on the record date. On the day of the meeting, each stockholder will be required to present valid picture identification such as a driver's license. Seating will begin at 10:00 a.m. local time and the meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. Use of cameras (including cell phones with photographic capabilities), recording devices and other electronic devices will not be

permitted at the meeting.

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2019 PROXY STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in our Proxy Statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider. You should read the entire Proxy Statement carefully before voting.

Voting Matters and Vote Recommendation

See "Proposals" starting on page 63 for more information.

Management proposals:

Election of one director	For the director nominee
Ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal	For
year ending December 31, 2019	
Advisory vote on Executive Compensation	For
Approval of the amendment and restatement of the 2015 Plan to, among other things, increase the	For
aggregate number of shares authorized for issuance under the 2015 Plan	

Board Nominee

The following table provides summary information about the director nominee for election at the Annual Meeting.

Mohan Gyani	67	2019	Retired,	Yes
			President & CEO,	
			AT&T Wireless	
			Mobility Services	

Ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Our Board recommends that stockholders vote to ratify the Audit Committee's appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as our Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

Our Board recommends that stockholders vote to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation paid to our Named Executive Officers ("NEOs") in 2018, as described in this Proxy Statement. At our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our stockholders showed strong support for our executive compensation with 90% of the shares voted in favor of the advisory vote on executive compensation. Although the results of the "say on pay" vote are advisory and not binding, our Board and our Compensation Committee value the opinions of our stockholders and take the results of the say on pay vote in to account when making decisions regarding the compensation of our NEOs. The Compensation Committee of our Board evaluates our executive compensation program each year in an effort to ensure it is in line with our stockholders' interests.

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We encourage stockholders to take into account the significant changes to our executive compensation program that we have made over the last several years in light of the advisory vote including, among other things, adding new metrics to both our short-term and long-term compensation plans, including non-financial metrics to our short-term incentive plan, and meeting with stockholders as part of our annual stockholder outreach program.

Approval of Amendment and Restatement of the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan

Our Board unanimously recommends that stockholders vote to approve the amendment and restatement of our 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan") to, among other things, increase the aggregate number of shares authorized for issuance under the 2015 Plan. The purpose of this increase in the number of shares available for issuance is to continue to be able to attract, retain and motivate valued executive officers and other employees and certain consultants. Upon stockholder approval, an additional 5,000,000 shares of Common Stock will be reserved for issuance under the 2015 Plan, which will enable us to continue to grant equity awards to our officers, employees and consultants at levels determined by our Board to be necessary to attract, retain and motivate the individuals who will be critical to our Company's success in achieving its business objectives and thereby creating greater value for all our stockholders. Furthermore, we believe that equity compensation aligns the interests of our management and other employees with the interests of our other stockholders. Equity awards are a key component of our incentive compensation program which we believe have been critical in attracting and retaining talented employees and officers, aligning their interests with those of stockholders, and focusing key employees on the long-term growth of our Company.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT THIS PROXY MATERIAL & VOTING MATTERS

- Q: Why am I receiving these proxy materials?
- A:

 Our Board is providing these proxy materials to you in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. local time, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the matters set forth herein. The Notice of Annual Meeting, this Proxy Statement and accompanying form of proxy card are being made available to you on or about April 22, 2019. This Proxy Statement includes information that we are required to provide to you under rules promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and that is designed to assist you in voting your shares.
- Q: What is included in the proxy materials?
- A:
 The proxy materials include:

This Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting;

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018; and

The proxy card or a voting instruction form for the Annual Meeting, if you have received the proxy materials in the mail.

- Q: How can I get electronic access to the proxy materials?
- A:

 The Company's proxy materials are available at http://materials.proxyvote.com/87157B and at www.synchronoss.com. Our website address is included for reference only. The

information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement.

You can find directions on how to instruct us to send future proxy materials to you by email at www.proxyvote.com. Choosing to receive future proxy materials by email will save us the cost of printing and mailing documents to you and will reduce the impact of our annual meetings on the environment. If you choose to receive future proxy materials by email, you will receive an email message next year with instructions containing a link to those materials and a link to the proxy voting website. Your election to receive proxy materials by email will remain in effect until you terminate it.

- Q: Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?
- **A**:

Our voting securities consist of common stock ("Common Stock"), of which 42,880,993 shares were outstanding on the record date, and Series A Convertible Participating Perpetual Preferred Stock (the "Series A Preferred Stock"), of which 202,256 shares were outstanding on the record date. Holders of our Common Stock and Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting in connection with the matters set forth in this Proxy Statement. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for inspection at Synchronoss' principal executive offices at 200 Crossing Boulevard, Bridgewater, New Jersey for the ten-day period prior to the Annual Meeting.

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Q:

How do I vote at the Annual Meeting?

A:

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If, on April 10, 2019 your shares were registered in your name with the Company's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, then you are a stockholder of record and may vote in person at the Annual Meeting or vote by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy on the Internet or via telephone as instructed below or submit your proxy card to ensure your vote is counted.

If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting or by one of the following methods:

By Internet You may vote by proxy via the Internet awww.proxyvote.com by following the instructions provided in the Notice or the proxy materials, by following the instructions provided in the proxy card.

By Telephone You may vote by proxy by telephone by following the instructions provided in the Notice or, if you received printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, by calling the toll-free number found on the proxy card.

By Mail If you request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you will receive a proxy card and you may vote by proxy by filling out the proxy card and returning it in the envelope provided.

Please note that the Internet and telephone voting facilities for stockholders of record is available 24 hours a day and will close at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on June 4, 2019. The individuals named as proxies will vote your shares in accordance with your instructions.

We provide Internet proxy voting to allow you to vote your shares on-line, with procedures designed to ensure the authenticity and correctness of your proxy vote. However, please be aware that you

must bear any costs associated with your Internet access, such as usage charges from Internet access providers and telephone companies.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank

If, on April 10, 2019 your shares of Common Stock were held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As a beneficial owner, you may direct your broker or other agent on how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting, provided you have proof of your share ownership (such as a brokerage statement showing that you owned shares as of April 10, 2019) and a form of photo identification. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your broker, bank, or other agent, you should have received instructions for granting proxies with these proxy materials from that organization rather than from the Company. A number of brokers

and banks participate in a program provided through Broadridge Financial Services that enables beneficial holders to grant proxies to vote shares via telephone or the Internet. If your shares are held by a broker or bank that participates in the Broadridge program, you may grant a proxy to vote those shares telephonically by calling the telephone number on the instructions received from your broker or bank, or via the Internet at

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A:

Broadridge's website at *www.proxyvote.com*. To vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from your broker, bank, or other agent. Follow the instructions from your broker, bank or other agent included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker, bank or other agent to request a proxy form.

Q: How many votes do I have?

A:

Each share of our Common Stock you owned on the record date entitles you to one vote on each matter that is voted on. On an as-converted basis, each share of our Series A Preferred Stock you owned on the record date entitles you to 55.5556 votes per share on each matter that is voted on. However, pursuant to the terms of our Series A Preferred Stock, the current holder thereof and its affiliates will only be entitled to cast an aggregate number of votes equal to 19.99% of the combined voting power of our Common Stock and Series A Preferred Stock (the "Voting Limitation"). For further detail, please see the section below entitled "Certain Related Party Transactions Siris Capital Group Certificate of Designation of the Series A Preferred Stock."

Q: What if I do not make specific voting selections?

Stockholder of Record If you are a stockholder of record and you:

Indicate when voting on the Internet or by telephone that you wish to vote as recommended by our Board, or

Sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions,

then your shares will be voted "For" the election of Mohan Gyani as a member of the Company's Board of Directors, "For" the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public

accounting firm for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, "For" the approval of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers and "For" the amendment and restatement of the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan. If any other matter is properly presented at the Annual Meeting, your proxy (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his or her best judgment.

Beneficial Owner If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name and do not provide the organization that holds your shares with specific voting instructions then, under applicable rules, the organization that holds your shares may generally vote on "routine" matters but cannot vote on "non-routine" matters. If the organization that holds your shares does not receive instructions from you on how to vote your shares on a non-routine matter, that organization will inform the inspector of election that it does not have the authority to vote on any matter other than Proposal 2 with respect to your shares. This is generally referred to as a "broker non-vote."

Q: Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Yes. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the final vote at the Annual Meeting. If you are the record holder of your shares, you may revoke your proxy in any one of three ways:

You may change your vote using the Internet or telephone methods described above prior to 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on June 4, 2019, in which case only your latest Internet or telephone proxy submitted prior to the Annual Meeting will be counted.

You may submit another properly completed timely proxy card with a later date.

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You may send a written notice that you are revoking your proxy to the Company's Secretary at 200 Crossing Boulevard, 8th Floor, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

You may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Simply attending the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your previously delivered proxy.

If you are a beneficial owner of your shares and wish to change or revoke your previously delivered proxy, you must contact the broker, bank or other agent holding your shares and follow their instructions for changing your vote.

- Q: Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?
- A:

 The Company will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies for the Annual Meeting. In addition to the proxy materials, our directors and employees may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone or by other means of communication. Directors and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies. The Company has retained MacKenzie Partners, Inc. to assist in the solicitation of proxies for a fee of \$15,000 plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. The Company may reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials.
- Q: Why did I receive a notice regarding the availability of proxy materials on the Internet instead of a full set of proxy materials?
- A:

 In accordance with the rules promulgated by the SEC, we have elected to furnish our proxy materials, including this Proxy Statement and our annual report, primarily via the Internet. Beginning on or about April 22, 2019, we mailed to our stockholders a "Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials" that contains notice of the Annual Meeting and

instructions on how to access our proxy materials on the Internet, how to vote at the meeting and how to request printed copies of the proxy materials and annual report. Stockholders may request to receive all future proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by e-mail by following the instructions contained at http://materials.proxyvote.com/87157B. We encourage stockholders to take advantage of the availability of the proxy materials on the Internet to help reduce the environmental impact of our annual meetings.

- Q:
 What does it mean if multiple members of my household are stockholders, but we only received one Notice or full set of proxy materials in the mail?
- A:

 We have adopted a procedure called "householding," which the SEC has approved. Under this procedure, we deliver a single copy of the Notice and, if applicable, the proxy materials to multiple stockholders who share the same address unless we received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders at that address. This procedure reduces our printing costs, mailing costs, and fees. Stockholders who participate in householding will continue to be able to access and receive separate proxy cards. Upon written request, we will deliver promptly a separate copy of the proxy materials to any stockholder at a shared address to which we delivered a single copy of any of these documents. To receive a separate copy of the proxy materials, stockholders should send their requests to our principal executive offices, Attention: Secretary. Stockholders who hold shares in street name (as described below) may contact their brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, or other similar organization to request information about householding.

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Q:

How are votes counted?

A:

Each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote. On an as-converted basis, each share of our Series A Preferred Stock is entitled to 55.5556 votes, subject to the Voting Limitation. Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the Annual Meeting. Prior to the Annual Meeting, the inspector will sign an oath to perform his or her duties in an impartial manner and according to the best of his or her ability. The inspector will determine the number of shares represented at the Annual Meeting and the validity of proxies and ballots, count all votes and ballots and perform certain other duties. The determination of the inspector of elections as to the validity of proxies will be final and binding.

Q:

What vote is required to approve each proposal?

Our directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast at an annual meeting of stockholders, meaning the nominee receiving the most "For" votes (among votes properly cast in person or by proxy) will be elected. An instruction to "Withhold" authority to vote for a nominee will result in the nominee receiving fewer votes, but will not count as a vote against the nominee. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote with respect to this proposal, your broker may not vote with respect to this proposal. Abstentions and "broker non-votes" (i.e., shares held by a broker or nominee that are represented at the Annual Meeting, but with respect to which such broker or nominee is not instructed to vote on a particular proposal and does not have discretionary voting power) will have no effect on the election of a nominee.

Ratification of the appointment by our Board of Directors of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, requires a "For" vote from the majority of the outstanding shares that are present in person or represented by proxy and cast affirmatively or negatively at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted "For" or "Against" this proposal and will have no effect on this proposal. Because this proposal is a routine matter, a broker or other nominee may generally vote and therefore no broker non-votes are expected to exist in connection with this proposal.

The advisory approval of the compensation of the Company's NEOs as described in this Proxy Statement requires a "For" vote from the majority of all of the outstanding shares that are present in person or represented by proxy and cast affirmatively or negatively at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted "For" or "Against" this proposal and will have no effect on this proposal. Even though your vote is advisory and therefore will not be binding on the Company, our Compensation Committee will review the voting results and take them into consideration when making future executive compensation decisions.

The amendment and restatement of the Company's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan requires a "For" vote from the majority of the outstanding shares that are present in person or represented by proxy and cast affirmatively or negatively at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted "For" or "Against" this proposal and will have no effect on this proposal. Because this proposal is a non-routine matter, broker non-votes are expected to exist in connection with this proposal.

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If there are insufficient votes to approve any of the matters, your proxy may be voted by the persons named in the proxy to adjourn the Annual Meeting in order to solicit additional proxies in favor of the approval of such proposal(s). If the Annual Meeting is adjourned for any reason, at any subsequent reconvening of the meeting, your proxy will be voted in the same manner as it would have been voted at the original Annual Meeting unless you revoke or withdraw your proxy. Your proxy may be voted in this manner even though it may have been voted on the same or any other matter at a previous session of the Annual Meeting.

- Q: Is my vote confidential?
- A:

 Proxies, ballots and voting tabulations are handled on a confidential basis to protect your voting privacy. This information will not be disclosed, except as required by law.
- Q: What is the quorum requirement?
- A:

 A quorum of stockholders is necessary to hold a valid stockholders meeting. A quorum will be present if a majority of the voting power of all of the Company's outstanding shares is represented by stockholders present at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy. Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other agent) or vote in person at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement.
- Q: How can I find out the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting?
- A:

 Preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Final voting results will be set forth in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed by the Company with the SEC no later than four business days after the Annual Meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 5, 2019.

The proxy statement and annual report to stockholders is available at http://materials.proxyvote.com/87157B.

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Corporate Governance at Synchronoss

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES

Synchronoss is committed to excellent corporate governance, which we believe helps us to sustain our success and build long-term value for our stockholders. Our Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines (the "Guidelines") that set forth the framework within which our Board can effectively function and govern our affairs. The Guidelines address, among other things, the composition and responsibilities of our Board, director independence, management succession planning and evaluation, access to information, executive sessions, communication with stockholders, target ownership by, and remuneration of, our directors, Board committees and selection of new directors. We have also adopted a Code of Business Conduct (the "Code") that applies to all of our employees, officers (including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, or those serving similar functions) and directors. The Guidelines and Code are available on the Investor Relations section of our website at www.synchronoss.com.

Our Board regularly reviews legal and regulatory requirements, evolving best practices and other developments and may modify, waive, suspend or repeal the Guidelines or Code from time to time as it deems necessary or appropriate in the exercise of our Board's judgment or in the best interests of our stockholders. If our Board makes any substantive amendments to the Guidelines or the Code, we will promptly disclose the nature of the amendment or waiver on our website to the extent required by applicable law or regulations.

BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Consistent with the Guidelines, our Board believes it is important to retain its flexibility to allocate the responsibilities of our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chairman of the Board in any way that is in the best interests of our Company based on the circumstances existing at a particular point in time. Our Board believes that it should periodically assess who should serve these roles and whether the offices should be served independently or jointly, and that our Board should not be restricted by any strict policy directive when making these decisions. In addition, our Board continually evaluates its leadership structure to ensure that the Board is structured to address the best interests of our Company and our stockholders as they evolve over time.

Our Board has determined that our Company and our stockholders are best served by having Mr. Waldis, one of our founders, serve as our Executive Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Lurie serve as our CEO and a member of our Board. As CEO, Mr. Lurie is the individual with primary responsibility for managing our day-to-day operations, setting our overall business strategy, and ensuring the successful growth of our business. Mr. Waldis' in-depth experience as our founder and long-time CEO and Chairman of the Board position him well to serve now as our Executive Chairman of the Board, where he will remain on our Board, assisting on certain sales and business development activities, and providing other consultative support to the CEO, upon his request.

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INDEPENDENCE OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each year, as part of our assessment of director independence, our Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee and our full Board conduct a review of the financial and other relationships between each director, or any of their immediate family members, and our Company, our senior management, companies with whom we have business dealings and our independent registered public accounting firm. Our Board also consults with our legal counsel to ensure that its determinations are consistent with all relevant laws and regulations regarding the definition of independence, including those set forth in pertinent listing standards of The Nasdaq Global Market ("Nasdaq"), as amended from time to time. Consistent with those considerations, after review of all relevant transactions or relationships, our Board has affirmatively determined that all of our directors are independent directors within the meaning of the applicable Nasdaq listing standards except for Stephen G. Waldis, who serves as our Executive Chairman, and Glenn Lurie, who serves as our CEO. Our independent directors meet in regularly scheduled executive sessions where only independent directors are present. Mr. Cadogan presides over those sessions. There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OVERSIGHT OF RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk is inherent with every business and how well a business manages risk can ultimately determine its success. We face a number of risks, including risks relating to our operations, strategic direction and intellectual property as more fully discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and our other SEC filings. Assessing and managing risk is the responsibility of our management. Our Board oversees management in the execution of its responsibilities and for assessment of our approach to risk management. An overall review and assessment of risk is inherent in our Board's consideration of our business plans, strategies and other significant developments. Additionally, our Board regularly reviews various risks arising out of transactions and other matters that are presented to our Board and when making decisions impacting us. At least annually, our Board also reviews and analyzes the strategic and operational risks and opportunities that face our Company as a whole, as well as those related to specific areas of our business.

Our Board delegates the oversight of certain categories of risk affecting our Company to designated Board committees, who report their findings to our full Board. Our Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing our Board's execution of its risk management oversight responsibility, including discussing guidelines and policies governing the process by which our management and other persons responsible for risk management assess and manage our exposure to major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, based on consultation with our management and independent auditors. Our Audit Committee also annually reviews the audit plan of management, our information technology and cybersecurity risks and mitigation strategies, the domestic and international tax function and treasury operations and conformity with ethics and compliance standards. In addition, our Board has delegated to other Board committees the oversight of risks within their areas of responsibility and expertise. For example, our Compensation Committee oversees the risks associated with our compensation practices, including an annual assessment of our compensation policies and practices for our employees.

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BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

Our Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee oversees a biennial self-evaluation process to analyze and review our Board's performance and the performance of each of the members of our Board. Our Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee reviews these results and discusses them with the full Board with the intention of utilizing them to enhance our Board's effectiveness and, if necessary, develop action plans.

STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Stockholders may communicate with our management and independent directors by sending a letter to Synchronoss Technologies, Inc., 200 Crossing Boulevard, 8th Floor, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807, Attention: Secretary. Each communication should set forth the (i) name and address of the stockholder as they appear on our books and, if the shares of our Common Stock are held by a broker, bank or other agent, the name and address of the beneficial owner of such shares, and (ii) number of shares of our Common Stock that are owned of record by such record holder and/or beneficially by such beneficial owner. Our Secretary will review all communications from stockholders and has the authority to disregard any inappropriate communications or take other appropriate actions with respect to any inappropriate communications. If deemed an appropriate communication, our Secretary will forward it, depending on the subject matter, to the chairperson of a committee of our Board or a particular director, as appropriate.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE DUTIES

Our Board oversees, counsels and directs management in the long-term interests of our Company and our stockholders. Our Board, individually and through its committees, is responsible for:

overseeing the conduct, assessment and other operational risks to evaluate whether our business is being properly managed;

reviewing and approving our strategic, financial and operating plans and other significant actions;

evaluating the performance of and reviewing and determining the compensation of our CEO and other executive officers;

planning for succession for our CEO and monitoring management's succession planning for other executive officers; and

overseeing the processes for maintaining the integrity of our financial statements, public disclosures, and compliance with laws and ethics.

BOARD STRUCTURE AND COMMITTEES

During 2018, our Board met 11 times and acted twice by unanimous written consent. Each director who was a director in 2018 attended at least 75% of the meetings of our Board and of each committee of which he or she served as a member. Each of our directors who was a director in October 2018 attended our 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Our Board has established an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, a Business Development Committee and a Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee. Our Board has delegated various responsibilities and authority to its

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committees as generally described below. The following table provides membership, chair and number of meetings information for each of our Board committees during 2018:

Stephen G. Waldis				
Glenn Lurie				M
William J. Cadogan	M	C	С	M
Thomas J. Hopkins	M	M	M	C
James M. McCormick		M		