

## Parliamentary Motions In Order Of Precedence (Ranking Motions)

To do this:	You say this:	May you interrupt the speaker?	Do you need a second?	Is it debatable?	Can it be amended?	What vote is needed?	Can it be Reconsidered?
<b>Privileged Motions</b>							
13. Extend the business of the meeting into another time	“I move that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet again at . . . .”	NO	YES	NO	YES	Majority	YES
12. Close meeting	“I move that we adjourn.”	NO	YES	NO	NO	Majority	NO
11. Call an intermission	“I move that we recess for . . . .”	NO	YES	NO	YES	Majority	NO
10. Complain about heat, noise unruliness, etc.	“I rise to a question of privilege.”	YES	NO	NO	NO	No vote (usually)	NO
9. Return to the agenda or order of business	“I call for the orders of the day (for for a return to the orders of the day)	YES	NO	NO	NO	usually no vote (chair responds)	NO
<b>Subsidiary Motions</b>							
8. Lay aside for another immediate urgent matter	“I move to table the motion.”	NO	YES	NO	NO	Majority	NO
7. End debate and amendments	“I move the previous matter.” or “I move to close debate.”	NO	YES	NO	NO	2/3	NO
6. To change amount of time	“I move to limit (or extend) the time for debate to . . . .”	NO	YES	NO	YES	2/3	YES (usually)
5. Postpone discussion to another set time	“I move to postpone the motion until . . . .”	NO	YES	YES	YES	Majority	YES
4. Study the issue in more detail	“I move to refer the motion to the x committee to report back with x at the x meeting.”	NO	YES	YES	YES	Majority	YES
3. Change wording of a motion	“I move to amend the motion by . . . .”	NO	YES	YES	YES	Majority	YES
2. Get rid of a motion that appears to have no validity	“I move to postpone indefinitely the motion to . . . .”	NO	YES	YES	NO	Majority	Yes/Affir. No/Neg.
<b>Main Motion</b>							
1. Introduce an item of business for action	“I move that (to) . . . .”	NO	YES	YES	YES	Majority	YES

## Motions That Have No Specific Rank

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To disagree with the chair's ruling	"I appeal from the decision of the chair."	YES	YES	YES (if motion is)	NO	Majority (to sustain chair's ruling)	YES
Consider by paragraph or section	"I move the motion be considered by seriatim (paragraph)"	NO	YES	NO	YES	Majority	NO
To revote by rising	"Division" or "I call for division."	YES	NO	NO	NO	Chair Responds	NO
To vote on parts of a motion separately	"I move to divide the question so as to consider . . . separately."	NO	YES	NO	YES	Majority	NO
To avoid consideration of a question (motion) that seems ridiculous or invalid	"I object to the consideration of the . . ."	YES	NO	NO	NO	2/3 (against consideration)	Negative Vote Only
To ask a parliamentary procedure question	"I rise to a point of parliamentary inquiry."	YES	NO	NO	NO	Chair Responds	NO
To ask a question about an issue	"I rise to a point of information."	YES	NO	NO	NO	No vote	NO
To protest a parliamentary infraction or a breach of conduct rule from the floor	"I rise to a point of order."	YES	NO	NO	NO	Chair rules (Except in doubtful cases)	NO
To suspend rules temporarily	"I move to suspend the rules so that.."	NO	YES	NO	NO	2/3	NO
To withdraw one's own motion	"I withdraw the motion" (before stated by the Chair) or "I request permission to withdraw the motion" (after chair has stated motion)	YES	NO (if before stated by the chair)	NO	NO	Majority	NO (unless body votes against withdrawal)

## Motions That Bring A Question Before The Assembly

To do this:	You say this:	May you interrupt the speaker?	Do you need a second?	Is it debatable?	Can it be amended?	What vote is needed?	Can it be Reconsidered?
To reconsider a vote on what may have been a hasty action	“I move to reconsider the vote on . . .” (If on prevailing side.)	NO	YES	Only if motion to be reconsidered is debatable	NO	Majority	NO
To nullify a vote previously taken	“I move to rescind the motion previous adopted that (to) . . . .”	NO	YES	YES	YES	Majority with previous notice or 2/3	NO (If affirma. vote)
To take up a matter previously tabled	“I move to take from the table the motion relating to . . . .”	NO	YES	NO	NO	Majority	NO