

# Parliamentary Motions

Motion	Second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote
<b>PRIVILEGED MOTIONS</b>				
Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Adjourn	Yes	No	No	Majority
Recess	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Raise a Question of Privilege	No	No	No	None
<b>SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS</b>				
Lay on the Table	Yes	No	No	Majority
Previous Question (Close Debate)	Yes	No	No	2/3
Limit or Extend Limits of Debate	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
Postpone to a Certain Time	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Commit or Refer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend the Amendment	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Amend or Substitute	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone Indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
<b>MAIN MOTIONS</b>				
Original				
Main Motion/Resolution	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Bring a Question Again				
Reconsider	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
Take from the Table	Yes	No	No	Majority
Rescind	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority with notice
<b>INCIDENTAL MOTIONS</b>				
<b><i>No order of precedence</i></b>				
Point of Order	No	No	No	None
Appeal	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
Suspend the Rules	Yes	No	No	2/3
Object to Consideration	No	No	No	2/3
Division of a Question	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Division of the Assembly	No	No	No	None
Parliamentary Inquiry	No	No	No	None
Request for Information	No	No	No	None
Withdraw or Modify a Motion	No	No	No	Majority

# Parliamentary Motions, Simplified

The following motions are listed in order of precedence.

A motion can be introduced if it is higher  
on the list than the pending motion.

Motion	Debatable	Amendable	Vote
Adjourn	No	No	Majority
Recess	No	Yes	Majority
Previous Question (Close Debate)	No	No	2/3
Postpone	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend the Amendment	Yes	No	Majority
Amend or Substitute	Yes	Yes	Majority
Main Motion/Resolution	Yes	Yes	Majority

## Motions dealing with the general conduct of the meeting No order of precedence

Motion	Debatable	Amendable	Vote
Point of Order	No	No	None
Appeal	Varies	No	Majority
Suspend the Rules	No	No	2/3
Division of a Question	No	Yes	Majority
Division of the Assembly	No	No	None
Parliamentary Inquiry	No	No	None
Request for Information	No	No	None
Withdraw or Modify a Motion	No	No	Majority

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