

Parliamentary Procedure

Motions at a Glance

Type of Motion	To Do This:	You Say This:	May you Interrupt?	Need a Second?	Is it Debatable?	Can it be Amended?	What Vote is Needed?
Privileged	Adjourn meeting	"I move that we adjourn"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Privileged	Call an intermission	"I move that we recess for..."	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Privileged	Register a complaint	"I rise to a question of privilege"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Subsidiary	Suspend consideration	"I move to table the motion"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Subsidiary	End debate	"I call the question"	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Subsidiary	Postpone discussion	"I move to postpone discussion until..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Subsidiary	Give closer study	"I move to refer the matter to committee"	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Subsidiary	Amend a motion	"I move to amend the motion by..."	No	Yes	*	Yes	Majority
Main	Introduce business	"I move ..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

The motions above are in order of precedence...below there is no order...

Incidental	Protest breach of rules	"I rise to a point of order."	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Incidental	Vote on a ruling	"I appeal from the chair's decision"	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Incidental	Suspend rules	"I move to suspend the rules so that..."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Incidental	Avoid consideration	"I object to consideration of this motion"	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Incidental	Verify a vote	"I call for a division"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Incidental	Request Information	"Request for Information"	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Incidental	Take up a tabled matter	"I move to take from the table..."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Incidental	Reconsider a hasty vote	"I move to reconsider the vote on..."	Yes	Yes	*	No	Majority

* Only if the motion to be amended or reconsidered is debatable.

Main Motion: Introduces a subject. Cannot be made if there are any other motions on the floor.

Subsidiary Motion: Changes or affects the main motion and is voted on before the main motion. The order of subsidiary motions is important.

Incidental Motion: Question of procedure that arises out of other motions.

Privileged motion: Is urgent and not related to pending business.