

PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS GUIDE

THE MOTIONS BELOW ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

Any motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

| YOU WANT TO | YOU SAY | INTERRUPT? | SECOND? | DEBATE? | AMEND? | VOTE? |
|---|---|------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| § 21 Close meeting | I move to adjourn | No | Yes | No | No | Majority |
| § 20 Take break | I move to recess for | No | Yes | No | Yes | Majority |
| § 19 Register complaint | I rise to a question of privilege | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| § 18 Make follow agenda | I call for the orders of the day | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| § 17 Lay aside temporarily | I move to lay the question on the table | No | Yes | No | No | Majority |
| § 16 Close debate | I move the previous question | No | Yes | No | No | 2/3 |
| § 15 Limit or extend debate | I move that debate be limited to | No | Yes | No | Yes | 2/3 |
| § 14 Postpone to a certain time | I move to postpone the motion to | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| § 13 Refer to committee | I move to refer the motion to | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| § 12 Modify wording of motion | I move to amend the motion by | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |
| § 11 Kill main motion | I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely | No | Yes | Yes | No | Majority |
| § 10 Bring business before assembly (a main motion) | I move that [or "to"] | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Majority |

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INCIDENTAL MOTIONS

No order of precedence. Arise incidentally and decided immediately.

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|---|--|--------------------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| § 23 Enforce rules | Point of order | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| § 24 Submit matter to assembly | I appeal from the decision of the chair | Yes | Yes | Varies | No | Majority |
| § 25 Suspend rules | I move to suspend the rules which | No | Yes | No | No | 2/3 |
| § 26 Avoid main motion altogether | I object to the consideration of the question | Yes | No | No | No | 2/3 |
| § 27 Divide motion | I move to divide the question | No | Yes | No | Yes | Majority |
| § 29 Demand rising vote | l call for a division | Yes | No | No | No | None |
| § 33 Parliamentary law question | Parliamentary inquiry | Yes (if urgent) | No | No | No | None |
| § 33 Request information | Request for information | Yes (if urgent) | No | No | No | None |

MOTIONS THAT BRING A QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY

No order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else pending.

| § 34 Take matter from table | I move to take from the table | No | Yes | No | No | Majority |
|---------------------------------------|---|----|-----|--------|-----|---------------------------------|
| § 35 Cancel or change previous action | I move to rescind/ amend something previously adopted | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2/3 or majority w/ notice |
| § 37 Reconsider motion | I move to reconsider the vote | No | Yes | Varies | No | Majority |

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