

Common Motions in Parliamentary Procedure

| MOTION | WHY USE IT | WHAT YOU SAY | May you interrupt speaker? | Needs second? | Debatable? | Amendable? | Vote needed? |
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Main Motion

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| Main Motion | Introduce business | "I move that..." | no | yes | yes | yes | majority |
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Privileged Motions

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| Fix time to Adjourn | Adjourn the meeting (in a fix time) | "I move that we adjourn in ten minutes. " | no | yes | no | yes | majority |
| Adjourn | Adjourn the meeting | "I move that we adjourn. " | no | yes | no | no | majority |
| Recess | Call an intermission | "I move that we recess for..." | no | yes | no | yes | majority |
| Question of Privileged | Complain about heat, noise, etc. | "I rise to a question of privilege. " | yes | no | no | no | no vote |
| Call for the order of the day | Reinforce the schedule of the meeting | " Call for the order of the day " | yes | no | no | no | no vote |

Subsidiary Motions

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| Lay on the Table | Put aside a pending motion because of other urgent matters | "I move to lay the question on the table. " | no | yes | no | no | majority |
| Previous question | End debate and amendments AND move to a vote | "I move the previous question " | no | yes | no | no | 2/3 |
| Limit or Extend Limits | Limit or Extend the debate | "I move that debate will be limited to one speech of no longer than 2 minutes each" | no | yes | no | yes | 2/3 |
| Postpone to a certain time | Postpone discussion for a certain time | "I move to postpone discussion until..." | no | yes | yes | yes | majority |
| Refer to committee | Refer matter to committee for study | "I move to refer the matter to committee " | no | yes | yes | yes | majority |
| Amend | Amend a motion | "I move to amend the motion by..." | no | yes | yes | yes | majority |
| Postpone Indefinitely | Kill a motion without direct vote | "I move to postpone the motion indefinitely. " | no | yes | yes | no | majority |

Incidental Motions

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| Point of Order | Protest breach of rules or conduct | "I rise to a point of order " | yes | no | no | no | no vote |
| Appeal | Vote on a ruling from the chair | "I appeal the chair's decision" | yes | yes | yes | no | majority |
| Point of Information | Request information | " Point of information " | yes | no | no | no | no vote |
| Suspend the rules | Suspend the rules temporarily | "I move to suspend the rules so that..." | no | yes | no | no | 2/3 |
| Object to consideration | Avoid consideration of an improper matter | "I object to consideration of this motion" | yes | no | no | no | 2/3 |
| Division of the assembly | to provide a more accurate count of the vote | "I call for a division " or " Divide! " | yes | no | no | no | no vote |

Special Motions

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| Reconsider | Reconsider a hasty action | "I move to reconsider the vote on..." | no | yes | - | no | majority |
| Take from the Table | Take up a matter previously tabled (at the same meeting) | "I move to take from the table ..." | no | yes | yes | no | majority |