

Rules for the Permissible Motions

Motion Names, Class ¹ And Purposes	Interrupt Speaker?	Second Needed?	Debatable?	Amendable?	Vote Needed?
<i>CLASS: Privileged Motions (Deals with special matters of immediate or overriding importance to the business of the assembly)</i>					
Recess (Provides a brief break)	No	Yes	No	Yes ²	Majority
Raise a Question of Privilege (Asks an urgent question regarding rights and privileges of the assembly.)	Yes	No	No	No	No vote Chair rules
<i>CLASS: Subsidiary Motions (Aids the assembly in handling or disposing of a main motion)</i>					
Previous Question (Closes debate and goes directly to a vote and prevents the making of subsidiary motions listed on this table.)	No	Yes	No	No	Two-thirds
Postpone Definitely (Puts off further consideration of the main motion to a later time, not beyond the next regularly scheduled meeting if within a quarterly interval.)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority (Two-thirds if made a Special Order)
Commit or Refer (Refers the motion to a committee)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend (Proposes to change a motion)	No	Yes	Yes ³	Yes	Majority
Postpone Indefinitely (Rejects or kills the main motion)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
<i>CLASS: Main Motions (Introduces new business to the assembly)</i>					
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<i>CLASS: Incidental Motions (Related to the pending business and must be decided immediately)</i>					
Parliamentary Inquiry (Allows a member to ask a question related to parliamentary law or the rules of the organization.)	Yes	No	No	No	No vote Chair answers
Division of the Assembly [Requires a standing (rising) vote]	Yes	No	No	No	No vote Demand
Point of Order (Requests that the rules be enforced)	Yes	No	No	No	No vote Chair usually rules ⁴

1. Motions that bring a question again before the assembly are not required for this event.
2. Amendable with respect to the length of the recess.
3. Debatable if applied to a debatable motion.
4. Assembly decides by a majority vote if the chair does not want to make a ruling.