



PARLIMENTARY MOTIONS GUIDE

Based on *Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (4th Ed.)*

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?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Close meeting	I move that we adjourn	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Take break	I move to recess for	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
Lay aside temporarily	I move that the main motion be postponed temporarily	No	Yes	No	No	Varies
Close debate and vote immediately	I move to close debate	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Limit or extend debate	I move to limit debate to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3
Postpone to certain time	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

Incidental Motions – no order of precedence. Arise incidentally and decided immediately.

YOU WANT TO:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rule requiring	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Enforce rules	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	None
Parliamentary question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
Request to withdraw motion	I wish to withdraw my motion	Yes	No	No	No	None
Divide motion	I request that the motion be divided ...	No	No	No	No	None
Demand rising vote	I call for a division of the assembly	Yes	No	No	No	None

Restorative Main Motions – no order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else pending.

Amend a previous motion	I move to amend the motion that was ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Varies
Reconsider main motion	I move to reconsider ...	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Take from table	I move to resume consideration of ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority