

Motions Chart

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Main, Privileged and Subsidiary motions have precedence in the order listed (largest number is highest priority).

May interrupt	Requires a second	Is debatable	Is amendable	Vote required for adoption	May be reconsidered	
						> "Main motions" bring business for consideration and action. > "Subsidiary motions" modify, delay, handle, or dispose a main motion. > "Privileged motions" are for rights rather than for items of business. They are entitled to immediate consideration.
Privileged Motions						
No	Yes	No	Yes	M	Yes	13. Fix the time to which to adjourn
No	Yes	No	No	M	No	12. Adjourn
No	Yes	No	Yes	M	No	11. Recess
Yes	No	No	No	C	No	10. Question of privilege
Yes	No	No	No	C	No	9. Orders of the day
Subsidiary Motions						
No	Yes	No	No	M	Neg only	8. Lay on the table
No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes	7. Previous Question (or Call the Question)
No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes	6. Limit or extend limits of debate
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes	5. Postpone to a certain time (definitely)
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes	4. Commit (refer to a committee)
No	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes	M	Yes	3. Amend
No	Yes	Yes	No	M	Aff only	2. Postpone indefinitely
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes	1. Main Motion (no new Main Motions until this Main Motion is resolved)

Incidental and Motions that Bring a Question have no ranking order.

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						> "Incidental motions" are for situations that may arise. They must be resolved before business can continue. They have no ranking order. > "Motions that bring a question again" return a question to the assembly for further consideration and action.
Incidental Motions						
Yes	No	No	No	C	No	Point of order
Yes	Yes	Yes ²	No	M ³	Yes	Appeal from a decision of the chair
No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No	Suspend the rules
X ⁴	No	No	No	2/3 ⁵	Neg only	Objection to consideration of a question
No	Yes	No	Yes	M	No	Division of a question
No	Yes	No	Yes	M	No	Consideration by paragraph or seriatim
Yes	No	No	No	C	No	Division of the assembly
No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	No	Close nominations and the polls
No	Yes	No	Yes	M	Neg only	Reopen nominations and the polls
Yes ⁶	No ⁶	No	No	M ⁶	Neg only	Withdraw a motion
Yes	No	No	No	M ⁶	Neg only	Parliamentary Inquiry (requests parliamentary advice)
Yes	No	No	No	C	Neg only	Request for Information (requests factual information) [formerly Point of Information]
Motions that Bring a Question again before the assembly						
No	Yes	No	No	M	No	Take from the table
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3/M ⁷	Neg only	Rescind / amend something previously adopted
X ⁴	Yes	Yes ¹	No	M	No	Reconsider

M = Majority ... C = Chair handles ... 2/3 = two-thirds majority

¹ Is debatable if applied to a debatable motion

² Is usually debatable, see RONR for details

³ Majority in the Negative is required to reverse the decision of the chair

⁴ Is in order if another has been assigned the floor, but has not begun to speak

⁵ 2/3 in the negative is required to sustain the objection

⁶ See RONR for details

⁷ 2/3/M or majority of the membership without notice, or majority with notice