

TYPES OF MOTIONS

Type	Purpose	Criteria
Adjourn	To close the meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Out of order when someone has the floor ○ Second: yes ○ Debatable: no ○ Amendable: no ○ Vote required: majority ○ Reconsidered: no
Main	To present information to the assembly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Out of order when someone has the floor. ○ Second: yes ○ Debatable: yes ○ Amendable: yes ○ Vote required: majority ○ Reconsidered: yes
Point of Order	When rules of the organization are being violated, a member rises to a point of order.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In order when another has the floor. ○ Second: no ○ Debatable: no ○ Amendable: no ○ Vote required: no ○ Reconsidered: no
Suspend the Rules	To temporarily suspend the rules of an organization in order to do something that would otherwise be out of order.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Out of order when another has the floor. ○ Second: yes ○ Debatable: no ○ Amendable: no ○ Vote required: 2/3 ○ Reconsidered: no
Division of the House	Calls for a counted standing voted when one member doubts the results of a voice or hand vote.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In order when another has the floor. ○ Second: no ○ Debatable: no ○ Amendable: no ○ Vote required: none ○ Reconsidered: no
Lay on the Table	To temporarily delay action on an item of business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Out of order when someone has the floor. ○ Second: yes ○ Debatable: no ○ Amendable: no ○ Vote required: majority ○ Reconsidered: no
Previous Question	To end debate on a motion and secure an immediate vote.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Out of order when someone has the floor. ○ Second: yes ○ Debatable: no ○ Amendable: no ○ Vote required: 2/3 ○ Reconsidered: yes
Refer to Committee	To refer a pending motion to a committee for more detailed study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Out of order when someone has the floor. ○ Second: yes ○ Debatable: yes ○ Amendable: yes ○ Vote required: majority ○ Reconsidered: yes
Parliamentary Inquiry	To obtain information about parliamentary procedure or rules of the organization bearing business at hand.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In order when someone has the floor ○ Second: no ○ Debatable: no ○ Amendable: no ○ Vote required: no ○ Reconsidered: no
Amend	To change a motion by INSERTING, STRIKING OUT, STRICKING OUT AND INSERTING or SUBSTITUTING the wording of a pending motion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Out of order when someone has the floor ○ Second: yes ○ Debatable: yes ○ Amendable: yes ○ Vote required: majority ○ Reconsidered: yes
Object to the Consideration of a Question	To enable the assembly to avoid a particular original main motion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In order when someone has the floor ○ Second: no ○ Debatable: no ○ Amendable: no ○ Vote required: 2/3 ○ Reconsidered: negative vote only