



20 Basic Parliamentary Motions

	To do this	Say this	Does this Motion interrupt?	Do you need a second?	Is it debatable?	Can it be amended?	What vote is needed?
1	Open discussion	I move that...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
2	Change a motion	I move to amend by...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
3	Change debate rules	I move to limit/extend debate as follows...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
4	Lay on the table	I move to table...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
5	Reconsider a previous action	I move to reconsider the vote on... (must be made within time limits)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
6	Take up a matter previously tabled	I move to take from the table...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
7	Repeal previously adopted motion	I move to rescind...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority w/ notice
8	Postpone indefinitely	I move to table the motion.	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
9	Postpone to time certain	I move to postpone (table)... until...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
10	Defer action/commit	I move to refer the matter to committee.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
11	Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules to...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
12	End debate	I move the previous question.	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
13	Roll call vote	I call for a division.	Yes	No	No	No	No vote
14	End meeting	I move to adjourn.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
15	Enforce rules	I rise to a point of order...	Yes	No	No	No	Chair**
16	Challenge a ruling of the chair	I appeal the chair's decision.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
17	Take a break	I move to recess for/until...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
18	Request information	Point of information...	Yes	No	No	No	Chair**
19	Request rules help	Parliamentary inquiry...	Yes	No	No	No	Chair**
20	Complain about heat, noise...	I rise to a question of privilege...	Yes	No	No	No	Chair**

* Based on Robert's Rules of Order 11th Edition

** The chair does not vote but responds to the inquiry or requests assistance for a response.

This table is an updated version of the table on page 3 of Governing Bodies: Parliamentary Procedure 395R1.

