

Parliamentary Motions, Simplified

The following motions are listed in order of precedence.
A motion can be introduced if it is higher
on the list than the pending motion.

Motion	Debatable	Amendable	Vote
Adjourn	No	No	Majority
Recess	No	Yes	Majority
Previous Question (Close Debate)	No	No	2/3
Postpone	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend the Amendment	Yes	No	Majority
Amend or Substitute	Yes	Yes	Majority
Main Motion/Resolution	Yes	Yes	Majority

Motions dealing with the general conduct of the meeting.
No order of precedence.

Motion	Debatable	Amendable	Vote
Point of Order	No	No	None
Appeal	Yes	No	Majority
Suspend the Rules	No	No	2/3
Division of a Question	No	Yes	Majority
Division of the Assembly	No	No	None
Parliamentary Inquiry	No	No	None
Request for Information	No	No	None
Withdraw or Modify a Motion	No	No	Majority

See *Notes and Comments on Robert's Rules, Fourth Edition*

The above motions should be sufficient for you to express your opinion on a motion before the assembly or to raise a question concerning the procedures of the assembly. Please consult the parliamentarians if you have questions concerning parliamentary procedure.