

Parliamentary Terms

Motion	Debatable	Necessary Vote	Amendable	Effect
REGULAR				
Item of Business	Yes	Majority	Yes	Presents an item of business in a form for proper assembly decision
PROCEDURAL				
Lay on the Table	No	Majority	No	Permits consideration of more urgent business
Call for the question	No	2/3	No	Ends the debate
Limit or extend time for debate	No	2/3	Yes	As stated (may be reconsidered)
Postpone Definitely	Yes	Majority	Yes	To delay to a definite later time, in the next meeting
Refer	Yes	Majority	Yes	Postpones action by the body until report of the committee
Amend or substitute	Yes	Majority	Yes	Refines wording or meaning of a main motion
Rise to question of order	No	No vote	No	Obtains information
Call for division	No	No vote	No	Secures a counted vote
Raise of question of privilege	No	No vote	No	Expresses rights of individual members
Take from the table	No	Majority	No	Returns a prior motion for consideration
Reconsider	Yes	Majority	No	Must be from member of prevailing side on previously considered motion