

MOTIONS AT-A-GLANCE

No more than three motions shall be on the floor at any given time. When there are two or three motions to consider at the same time, the vote shall first be on the most recent motion made.

Motion To:	You say:	Interrupt Speaker	Second Needed	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Needed
Adjourn	"I move that we adjourn" <i>(Only needed if all items of business have not concluded)</i>	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Recess	"I move that we recess until..."	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Complain about noise, room temp., etc.	"Point of privilege"	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Decides
Hold/postpone item	"I move that we table the item"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Limit debate	"I move the previous question" or "Call the question"	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Introduce (Basic Motion)	"I move that..." or "I move to..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend	"I move that this motion be amended by..." <i>(can also ask for a friendly amendment, which is less formal; if mover and second concur, no vote needed to amend)</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Substitute Motion	"I move a substitute motion to...."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Object to procedure or inappropriate conduct	"Point of order"	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides
Request information	"Point of information"	Yes	No	No	No	None
Object to consideration of question	"I object to consideration of this question" <i>(When not wanting to even consider an item on the agenda)</i>	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Suspend the Rules	"I move to suspend the rules in order to..." <i>(To allow suspension of a rule for a particular purpose)</i>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3
Vote on a ruling by the Chair	"I appeal the Chair's decision"	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority

VOTING: Votes are determined by those present. (For example: 3 members present - 2 "yes" votes would constitute a majority). Abstain vote = a "NO" vote for the purpose of determining if the motion passes. Failure of a member to orally express a vote constitutes a "YES" vote.