

2024 Republican Party of Texas Parliamentary Motions Chart

	Motions	Purpose	Interrupt	Requires a Second	Debatable *	Amendable	Vote Required	Can Be Reconsidered
PRIVILEGED MOTIONS - Deals with special matters of immediate importance to the business of the assembly	Fix the time to which to Adjourn¹	Sets a time for the continuation of the present meeting	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	Yes
	Adjourn¹	Ends the meeting	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	Recess¹	Provides a short break when business is pending which does not close the meeting	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
	Question of Personal Privilege	Permits urgent requests related to the rights and privileges affecting the assembly	Yes	No	No	No	Decided by Chair	No
	Call for the Orders of the Day	Secures adherence to the order of business (the agenda)	Yes	No	No	No	Call of one member ²	No
SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS - Aids the assembly in handling or disposing of a main motion	Lay on the Table	Sets a motion aside temporarily for more urgent business	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	Previous Question³	Closes debate	No	Yes	No	No ⁴	2/3 ⁵	Yes ⁶
	Limit or Extend Debate¹	Lengthens or shortens the debating time	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority ⁷	Yes
	Postpone to a Certain Time¹	Defers action on a pending motion to a definite time	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	Refer to a Committee or Commit¹	Places business in the hands of a committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	Amend	Modifies the wording of a pending motion	No	Yes	Yes ²²	Yes ⁸	Majority	Yes
	Postpone Indefinitely	Rejects (or kills) a main motion without voting on it directly	No	Yes	Yes ⁹	No	Majority	Yes; Affirmative vote only
MAIN MOTION - Introduce new business	Main Motion	Brings business before the assembly	No	Yes	Yes ²¹	Yes	Majority	Yes
	Committee Reports	Seeks approval of committee recommendation	No	No	Yes ¹⁰	Yes	Majority	Yes
INCIDENTAL MOTIONS - Relates to the pending business and must be decided immediately	Point of Order	Enforces the rules of the organization	Yes	No	No	No	Decided by Chair	No
	Appeal	Secures a parliamentary ruling of the group, and not the chair	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹²	No	Majority in ₁₃	Yes
	Suspend the Rules	Sets aside a special or parliamentary rule	No	Yes	No	No	Majority ¹¹	No
	Object to Consideration of a Question¹⁴	Avoids the consideration of an original main motion	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 ¹⁵	Negative Vote Only
	Division of a Question	Considers separately a motion that has several distinct parts	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
	Consideration by Paragraph (Seriatim)	Allows debate and amendment of a series of sections, paragraphs or articles	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
	Division of the Assembly	Verifies the accuracy of a voice vote by having members stand	Yes	No	No	No	none	No
	Request for Information	A nonparliamentary question about the pending business	Yes	No	No	No	none	No
	Parliamentary Inquiry	Parliamentary question	Yes	No	No	No	none	No
	Close Nominations	Ends nominations	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3 ¹⁶	No

Based upon Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (12th Edition) & Republican Party of Texas General Rules for All Conventions and Meetings 2022 & as amended 8-28-21

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MOTIONS THAT BRING A QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY - Used to undo or change previous decisions made	Take from the Table	Brings back a motion that has been laid on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	Reconsider¹⁷	Brings back a motion that has already been voted on	Yes ¹⁸	Yes	Yes ¹⁹	No	Majority	No
	Amend or Rescind Something Previously Adopted	Changing or cancels a previous action or motion	No	Yes	Yes ¹⁹	Yes	2/3 w/o Previous Notice; Majority with Notice ²⁰	Negative Vote Only

THREE PROCESSES OF AMENDING

1. To **insert** or to **add** (a word, consecutive words, or a paragraph)
2. To **strike out** (a word, consecutive words, or a paragraph)
3. To **strike out and insert** (which applies to words) or to **substitute** (which is not applied to anything less than a complete paragraph of on or more sentences)

EXPLANATION OF FOOTNOTES

* RPT Rule 17a Main Motion: no delegate may speak for more than five (5) minutes without general consent. RPT Rule 17b Amendments: no delegate may speak for more than three (3) minutes without general consent.

1. Treated as a Main Motion if made when no business is pending.
2. Must be enforced on demand of one member unless set aside by a two-thirds vote.
3. Applies only to the immediately pending motion unless moved otherwise.
4. Can be amended as to *which* motions to close debate on.
5. RPT Rule 16a. Not in order until there has been a reasonable opportunity for debate and amendment. Rule 16b.
6. If the vote was affirmative, it can only be reconsidered before any vote has been taken under it.
7. RPT Rule 17d - by majority vote may limit the time and number of speakers
8. Only two amendments may be pending at any one time; one primary and one secondary.
9. Debate may go into the merits of the Main Motion.
10. RPT Rule 17c. Committee Report limited to 10 minutes. Minority Report limited to 10 minutes.
11. Majority vote unless parliamentary rule is also to be suspended; in which case requires 2/3 vote.
12. See RONR for special debate rules. It is debatable only if the immediately pending question is debatable. If it is debatable, the chair is allowed to speak to the motion, once at the beginning of the debate and again at the end. Other members are only allowed to speak only once.
13. A tie vote sustains the decision of the chair. Takes majority vote in the negative to reverse the chair's ruling.
14. Must be made before debate has begun or a subsidiary motion stated by the chair.
15. Two-thirds against consideration sustains the objection (and the motion is *not* considered).
16. RPT Rule 16b. Not in order until there has been a reasonable opportunity for additional nominations.
17. Must be made by a member who voted on the prevailing side. See RONR for special rules.
18. Is in order to be made when another has been assigned the floor, but not after they have begun to speak.
19. Is debatable if the motion to be reconsidered, amended or rescinded is debatable, in which case debate may go into the question.
20. Or a majority vote of the entire membership.
21. RPT Rule 17a Main Motions: No delegate shall speak for longer than five (5) minutes without general consent.
22. RPT Rule 17b Amendments: No delegate shall speak for longer than three (3) minutes without general consent.