

## 2020 REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS PARLIAMENTARY MOTIONS CHART

	Motions	Purpose	Interrupt	Requires a Second	Debatable *	Amendable	Vote Required	Can Be Reconsidered
<b>PRIVILEGED MOTIONS</b> - Deals with special matters of immediate importance to the business of the assembly	<b>Fix the time to which to Adjourn<sup>1</sup></b>	Sets a time for the continuation of the present meeting	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	Yes
	<b>Adjourn<sup>1</sup></b>	Ends the meeting	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	<b>Recess<sup>1</sup></b>	Provides a short break when business is pending which does not close the meeting	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
	<b>Question of Personal Privilege</b>	Permits urgent requests related to the rights and privileges affecting the assembly	Yes	No	No	No	Decided by Chair	No
	<b>Call for the Orders of the Day</b>	Secures adherence to the order of business (the agenda)	Yes	No	No	No	Call of one member <sup>2</sup>	No
<b>SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS</b> -Aids the assembly in handling or disposing of a main motion	<b>Lay on the Table</b>	Sets a motion aside temporarily for more urgent business	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	<b>Previous Question<sup>3</sup></b>	Closes debate	No	Yes	No	No <sup>4</sup>	Majority <sup>5</sup>	Yes <sup>6</sup>
	<b>Limit or Extend Debate<sup>1,7</sup></b>	Lengthens or shortens the debating time	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	Yes
	<b>Postpone to a Certain Time<sup>1</sup></b>	Defers action on a pending motion to a definite time	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	<b>Refer to a Committee or Commit<sup>1</sup></b>	Places business in the hands of a committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	<b>Amend</b>	Modifies the wording of a pending motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>8</sup>	Majority	Yes
	<b>Postpone Indefinitely</b>	Rejects (or kills) a main motion without voting on it directly	No	Yes	Yes <sup>9</sup>	No	Majority	Yes; Affirmative vote only
<b>MAIN MOTION</b> - Introduce new business	<b>Main Motion</b>	Brings business before the assembly	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
	<b>Committee Reports</b>	Seeks approval of committee recommendation	No	No	Yes <sup>10</sup>	Yes	Majority	Yes
<b>INCIDENTAL MOTIONS</b> - Relates to the pending business and must be decided immediately	<b>Point of Order</b>	Enforces the rules of the organization	Yes	No	No	No	Decided by Chair	No
	<b>Suspend the Rules</b>	Sets aside a special or parliamentary rule	No	Yes	No	No	Majority <sup>11</sup>	No
	<b>Appeal</b>	Secures a parliamentary ruling of the group, and not the chair	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>12</sup>	No	Majority in negative <sup>13</sup>	Yes
	<b>Object to Consideration of a Question<sup>14</sup></b>	Avoids the consideration of an original main motion	Yes	No	No	No	2/3 <sup>15</sup>	Negative Vote Only
	<b>Division of a Question</b>	Considers separately a motion that has several distinct parts	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
	<b>Consideration by Paragraph (Seriatim)</b>	Allows debate and amendment of a series of sections, paragraphs or articles	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
	<b>Division of the Assembly</b>	Verifies the accuracy of a voice vote by having members stand	Yes	No	No	No	none	No
	<b>Point of Information</b>	A nonparliamentary question about the pending business	Yes	No	No	No	none	No
	<b>Parliamentary Inquiry</b>	Parliamentary question	Yes	No	No	No	none	No
	<b>Close Nominations</b>	Ends nominations	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3 <sup>16</sup>	No

Based upon Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th Edition) and Republican Party of Texas General Rules for All Conventions and Meetings 2008

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<b>MOTIONS THAT BRING A QUESTION AGAIN BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY - Used to undo or change previous decisions made</b>	<b>Take from the Table</b>	Brings back a motion that has been laid on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
	<b>Reconsider<sup>17</sup></b>	Brings back a motion that has already been voted on	Yes <sup>18</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>19</sup>	No	Majority 2/3 w/o	No
	<b>Amend or Rescind Something Previously Adopted</b>	Changing or cancels a previous action or motion	No	Yes	Yes <sup>19</sup>	Yes	Previous Notice; Majority with Notice <sup>20</sup>	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 one or more sentences)

#### EXPLANATION OF FOOTNOTES

- \* RPT Rule 17 - main motion: no delegate may speak for more than five (5) minutes without general consent. 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. Requires majority vote. Robert's Rules requires 2/3. Not in order until there has been a reasonable opportunity for debate and amendment.
  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.