

Robert's Rules Basics

Assembly Meeting 2-6-2020

Traditional
Robert's Rules
of Order

Main Motion



Second*

*Does not need to happen



Debate



Secondary Motion



Vote

How We
Typically Do It

Statement of Idea



Debate



Main Motion

Second*



Secondary Motion



Vote

*Does not need to happen

Secondary Motions to Know

Motion	Example
Amend	“I move to amend by...”
Close Debate	“I move the previous question.” Or “I move to...”
Limit Debate	“I move that debate be limited to...”
Postpone to a Certain time	“I move to postpone to...” or “I move to table until...”
Refer	“I move to refer the motion to...”
Appeal	“I appeal from the decision of the chair.”
Recess	“I move to recess for...”

Rules about Motions

Motion	Debate?	Amend?	Vote*
Main	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend something previously adopted	Yes	Yes	(a) Majority w/ notice; (b) 2/3; (c) majority of entire membership
Close Debate	No	No	2/3
Limit Debate	No	Yes	2/3
Postpone	Yes	Yes	Majority
Refer	Yes	Yes	Majority
Appeal	Yes	No	Majority in negative to reverse chair decision
Recess	No	Yes	Majority