

# Robert's Rules Quick Reference for Main Motions

Choice	Outcome	How to accomplish?
Amend	Change the current text of the motion	Someone says "I move to amend the motion to read X" and someone else seconds. <i>No debate should follow this motion – a vote occurs immediately.</i> Requires a majority to pass.
Table	Will come up as Old Business at next FS meeting	Someone says "I move to table this motion" and someone else seconds. <i>No debate should follow this motion – a vote occurs immediately.</i> Requires a majority to pass.
Table indefinitely	Kills the motion – does not come up again	Someone says "I move to table this motion indefinitely" and someone else seconds. <i>This motion is debatable.</i> Requires a majority to pass.
Vote	Bring to motion to a vote to either pass or fail it in this meeting	Someone says "I move to vote" and someone else seconds. <i>This motion is not debatable, but a vote on whether or not to vote occurs and requires 2/3 to pass. If successful, a vote on the main motion occurs.</i> The motion itself requires a majority to pass.

*A note on amendments: an amendment is a change to the wording of the main motion. Substantially different amendments are considered and voted on separately. If the main motion has been successfully amended, it is now considered to have the new text from the amendment. In other words, if the motion is passed, it is passed in its current state (including amendments that have already been passed).*

Also, "friendly amendments" are still amendments, and should be handled as such.

***Important take-away: The questions of whether to amend a motion and whether to pass a motion are always considered and voted on separately!***