2024 Convention Procedure and Rules of Order

Process	Type of Procedure	What do you say?	Second?	Debate Allowed	Votes Needed
Resolutions and Motions	Timely Resolution must be submitted in writing to Diocesan Office 4 weeks before convention. Business Rule 1	I move consideration of Resolution No	Second	YES) III	51%
	Untimely Resolution = Needs a 2/3 vote just to be considered. Business Rule 2.	Provide written copy to every delegate I move for consideration of the resolution to as set forth in the text of the resolution before you.	Second	T YES H	2/3
	Main Motion = Introduce new business for the Convention [Note: cannot be used to circumvent requirements for resolution.]	I move to	Second (Except Committee Motions)	YES	51%
	Stop the Motion Immediately = Object!	I move an objection to consideration of the motion	<u> </u>	No	2/2
Ways Motions Don't Make It To A Vote	(with <u>NO</u> debate and No Amendments)	[Note: an objection is not amendable]	Second	Debate	2/3
	Stop the Motion Immediately (with debate) = Motion to Postpone Indefinitely Robert's Rule 12	I move to postpone this motion indefinitely	Second	YES	51%
	Withdraw the Motion (no debate) = only original maker and the second of the motion can move to withdraw	I [the maker of the motion] move to withdraw this motion	Must be seconded by original second	No Debate	51%
	Postpone consideration until a later in the current convention = motion to lay on the table Robert's Rule 12	I move to lay the motion on the table OR I move to postpone consideration of this motion until [Time]	Second	No Debate. Rule 5	51%
	Postpone consideration until a specified time (in the current or subsequent convention) = Motion to postpone until a certain time Robert's Rule 12	I move to lay the motion on the table OR I move to postpone consideration of this motion until [Time]	Second		51%
	Send Motion to a Committee Or to send it back to a Committee: = Motion to Commit or Recommit Robert's Rule 12	I move to commit the motion to the Committee. OR I move to recommit the motion to the CommitteeMaker has 5 minutes to explain. Debate Rule 6	Second	No Debate Rule 6	51%
How Motions Are Changed	Divide the Motion (to consider its constituent parts separately) = create separate motions for each part of the main motion (to consider them separately) Debate Rule 3; Robert's Rule 12	I move for division of the question	Second	(TOTES) (TOTES) (TOTES)	51%
	Change/Amend the Motion = Amend it. Only considered if chair finds the amendment is germane to the main motion. Majority sufficient (even if main motion requires 2/3 vote). Debate Rule 3; Robert's Rule 12, 33.	I move the motion be amended by (Specify how language should be changed: strike, insert, strike and insert, or substitute language.)	Second	T (TES) TI	51%
	Substitute Motion = Substitute for Clarity = Propose alternative language to the same effect as the main motion for purposes of clarity. Debate Rule 7	I move to substitute this motion with a motion to	Second	VES Y	
		[Note: may be amended, but main motion will be allowed to be amended first.]			51%
	To kill an Amendment = Lay on the Table = move to lay amendment on the table Debate Rules 3, 4 and 5	I move to lay the amendment on the table.	Second	No Debate Rule 5	51%

Debate and Voting Procedures	Form of Address Debate Rule 1	What to Say at the begining: "I am [Name] from [Congregation], Right Reverend Sir or Madam, Mr. President or Madam President,"		Motion	
	Number of Opportunities to Speak Debate Rule 2	Number of times you may adress the house on a motion and its underlying amendments: 2		Amend	
	Time Limits Debate Rule 2	Time alloted when you start speaking: 10 minutes Number of times a committee chair may address the convention regarding the subject of their committee's report: unlimited		৩ 10	
	Limit or Extend Debate	I move to limit/extend debate on this topic by [number] minutes.	Second	No Debate	2/3
	To End Debate and Start Voting = Call the question [Note: not amendable]	I call the Previous Question.	Second	No Debate	2/3
	Recount = Division of the House = Request actual count of voice vote	I call for a division of the house.	No second.	No Debate	Chair to Count
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How To Return to an Issue Already Decided	Motion to Reconsider Procedures Following Decision - Rule 1	I move that the Convention reconsider our action as to [Note maker of the motion must have voted <u>in favor</u> of the decision to be reconsidered.]	Second	If motion was	51%
				debatable	
Procedural Issues	Point of Order = Object to preceived violation of rules of order or personal affont.				Chair to rule and Chair's
	[Note: the chair's ruling is final and not subject to reconsideration.]	Point of Order as to	No second.	No Debate	decision is final.
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