

Office of Parent and Community Services
Quick Review
May 23, 2019

Incidental Motion*:

Roll Call Vote:

“Taking a vote by roll call (or by yeas or nays, as it is also called) has the same effect of placing on the record how each member or, sometimes each delegation votes; therefore, it has exactly the opposite effect of a ballot vote. It is usually confined to representative bodies, where the proceedings are published, since it enables constitutives to know how their representative voted on certain measure. It should not be used in a mass meeting or in any assembly whose member are not responsible to a constituency. (RONR p. 420)

In the absence of such a special rule, a majority vote is required to order the taking of a vote by roll call—in which case a motion to do so is likely to be useless, since its purpose is to force the majority to go on record.” (RONR p. 421)

“In roll-call voting, a record of how each member voted as well as the results of the vote, should be entered in full in the journal or the meetings.” (RONR p. 422)



***"Incidental Motion relate, in a different ways, to the pending business or to businesses otherwise at hand" (RONR p. 69)**