

OSSTF Toronto Teachers' District Meeting Reference Guide 2026-27

Indicator Cards	Purpose of Indicator	Speaking Time
<i>Used During Debate (in the following sequence):</i>		
IN FAVOUR Colour: Green	- Mover initially speaking to the motion - Debating in favour of a motion	90 seconds
IN OPPOSITION Colour: Orange	Debating against a motion	90 seconds
QUESTION Colour: Yellow	To ask a question to the mover	60 seconds
	- To move a Main motion - To reconsider a motion - Calling for the Vote / Calling the Question (i.e. end debate)	
	To make an amendment	
POINT OF CONSIDERATION Colour: Grey	During debate: - to make a statement through an equity, anti-racism and/or anti-oppression lens. - to make a statement that relates to the integrity, rights, or privileges of an individual or the assembly collectively.	60 seconds

<i>May Be Used Throughout District Meeting:</i>		
PAUSE Colour: Pink	May be used by a Member only when the Member: - believes the established Rules of Order are being contravened. - is experiencing an issue which is impacting their ability to participate in the meeting and within the purview of the Chair to resolve. - is experiencing an issue which requires accommodation to physically participate in the meeting. - disagrees with the ruling of the Chair and wishes to Challenge to the Chair. - has a question for the Chair about how to navigate the Rules of Order.	60 seconds

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS 90 SECOND TIME LIMIT