

Business Idioms

LESSON 4

Meeting(2)



defeat a motion

- to defeat an idea/proposal in a meeting

Our opponents easily defeated the motion to change the hours for next week's convention.

have the floor

- to have permission to speak in a meeting

The president had the floor for almost an hour during the meeting.

hold a meeting

- to conduct a meeting

We plan to hold a meeting next week to discuss the problems with our new product.

lay (something) on the table

- to present a matter for discussion

I went to the meeting and laid my concerns about the new product on the table.