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Hidden motion:

“The motion to *ratify* (also called *approve* or *confirm*) is an incidental main motion that is used to confirm or make valid an action already taken that cannot become legally valid until approved by the assembly. An assembly can ratify only such actions of its officers, committees, delegates, or subordinate bodies as it would have had the right to authorize in advance. A motion to ratify can be amended by substituting a motion of censure, and vice versa, when the action involved has been taken by an officer or other representative of the assembly. Since the motion to ratify (or to censure) is a main motion, it is debatable and opens the entire question to debate.

– RONR p. 119, l. 11 - p. 120, l. 6