

Chapter - V**Election of members of the Executive Committee of the Council under sub-section (2) of section 10****25. Election of member -**

1. The President of the Council shall intimate the date, time and place of the election of members of the Executive Committee to each of the members of the Council.²
2. On the date, time and place fixed for the purpose any member of the Council present may propose the name of any other member of the Council for election as member of the Executive Committee and such proposal shall be required to be seconded by a member of the Council other than the proposer or the one whose name is proposed:
Provided that no member can propose or second more names than there are seats of the Executive Committee to be filled up.
3. Any candidate may withdraw his candidature before the actual election.
4. Where the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded is equal to or less than the number of members to be elected, the Returning Officer shall forthwith declare such candidates to be duly elected.
5. Where the number of such Candidates is less than the number of Candidates to be elected, the Returning Officer shall commence fresh proceedings for the election of the remaining members of the Executive Committee to be elected.
6. Where the number of candidates duly proposed and seconded exceed the number of members to be elected, election shall be held by secret ballot.
7. Before the commencement of the election, the Returning Officer shall invite the members of the Council present to inspect the ballot box, in case they like to do so, and he shall then lock the ballot box.
8. At the time of actual election the members present in the meeting shall, one by one, sign against their names in the list containing names of all the members in alphabetical order and placed along side the ballot box. After the member has signed his name in the said list, he shall be given a ballot paper in Form No. IX which he shall drop into the ballot box after affixing thereon cross (X) marks against the names of as many candidates of his choice as there are seats to be filled up.
9. As soon as all the members present and wishing to exercise the right to vote have done so, the Returning Officer shall open the ballot box and take out from it all the ballot papers, examine them and reject as invalid such of them. _
 - a. on which the vote has been given in favour of more candidates than there are seats to be filled up; or
 - b. on which vote mark is placed in such a manner as to make it doubtful as to which candidate or candidates the vote has been given.
10. The Returning Officer shall proceed to arrange the valid votes according to the candidates in whose favour they have been given and count them separately for each.
11. After the counting is over, the Returning Officer shall make an announcement in the meeting about the votes secured by each of the candidates and the Returning Officer shall also declare in Form No. X the requisite number of the candidates securing the largest number of valid votes as duly elected to be the members of the Executive Committee of the Council.
12. In the event of two or more candidates securing the same number of votes, the determination as between such candidates shall be by draw of lots and the candidate on whom the lot falls shall be declared elected.