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## Finally, polls for BBMP panels held

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**Bengaluru:** The much-delayed BBMP standing committee elections, which had been deferred thrice in the past three months for lack of quorum, was finally held on Saturday. Chairpersons of 12 standing committees will be announced next fortnight.

The committees, which have 11 members each, are tasked with formulating policies and monitoring works pertaining to the civic agency. The committees are of taxation and finance, major roads and infrastructure, accounts, town planning and development, education, appeals, horticulture, ward works, ad-

ministration, health and social justice. Barring a single member of the accounts committee, the names of corporators for all other committees have been finalised.

There was some drama during the polls when 15 corporators filed nominations for 11 seats in the ward works committee, which handles

all issues pertaining to civil works such as roads, pavements and roadside drains. While three corporators withdrew from the fray, BJP corporator Nethra Pallavi (Attur) refused to withdraw. Finally, BJP MLAs convinced her to leave the fray and she was later seen sobbing in the corridors.