Within two (2) days thereafter a copy of the petition shall be filed with the public body authorizing the public work. The Commissioner, upon notice to the petitioner, the public body authorizing the public work, and the recognized collective bargaining representatives for the particular classifications involved, and also to all persons entitled to receive notice pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 98 hereof, shall institute an investigation and hold a public hearing within twenty (20) days after the filing of such petition. The Commissioner at his discretion may hear each petition separately or consolidate for hearing any two or more petitions. At the hearing the Commissioner shall introduce in evidence the investigation it instituted and the other facts which were considered at the time of the original determination which formed the basis for his determination. The Commissioner or any interested parties thereafter may introduce any evidence that is material to the issues. Within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the hearing, the Commissioner shall make a determination and transmit it, in writing, to the public body and to the interested parties. Such determination shall be final.

- (b) Upon receipt by the public body of the notice of the filing of such petition, the public body awarding the contract shall extend the closing date for the submission of bids until five (5) days after the determination of the prevailing wage rates pursuant to this section and the publication of such findings.
- (c) As to any matters of rate determination the applicable provisions of Article 41, subtitle 24, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, "Administrative Procedure Act," shall prevail.

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- (c) The Commissioner shall establish such regulations as may reasonably be required to effectuate the purposes of the law including exemptions for minimum number of hours worked or workers employed and payroll records shall be maintained in accordance with such regulations. The records required to be kept shall be open to inspection by any authorized representative of the contracting public body or the Commissioner at any reasonable time and as often as necessary.
- (d) The contractor shall submit two complete copies of payroll records and the payroll records of each of his subcontractors, in a form prescribed by regulations established by the Commissioner, one copy to be sent to the contracting public body, the other to the Commissioner, where they will be available for inspection during regular business hours. The contractor shall be responsible for the submission of all subcontractors' payroll records covering work performed directly at the work site. Each copy of the payroll records shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the contractor or the subcontractor, as the case may be, indicating that the payroll records are correct, that the wage rates contained therein are not less than those established by the Commissioner as set forth in the contract, that the classification set forth for each workman or apprentice conforms with the work he performed, and that the contractor or the subcontractor, as the case may be, has complied with the provisions of this subtitle.
- (e) If the contractor is delinquent in submitting his or any of his subcontractors' payroll records, processing of partial payment esti-