§ 1217. Records; prima facie evidence. The record of the proceedings of the authority and of the board of transportation, the records and printed minutes of the transit commission, of the former transit construction commissioner, of the former public service commission for the first district, and of the former board of rapid transit railroad commissioners, transferred to the authority, or certified copies thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of the proceedings of the authority, of the board of transportation, of the transit commission, of the former transit construction commissioner, of the former public service commission for the first district, or of the former board of rapid transit railroad commissioners, as the case may be, in respect to matters concerning which such records or minutes relate. Certified copies of such records or papers shall in like manner constitute prima facie evidence.