Chair Rhea Law convened the special meeting of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees in the Joint Technology Facility, USF Lakeland Campus, Lakeland, FL at 4:33 p.m.

Chair Law thanked both Trustee Ramil and Trustee Tomasino for inviting her to Lakeland to attend the meeting, and thanked the rest of the trustees for participating via phone.

Chair Law asked Assistant Corporate Secretary Dr. Cindy Visot to call roll. In attendance was:

Lee Arnold (via phone)
Margarita Cancio (via phone)
Sonja Garcia (via phone)
Rhea Law
John Ramil
Debbie Sembler (via phone)
Bob Soran (via phone)
Sherrill Tomasino

Chair Law opened the public hearing explaining that the master planning process requires that two public hearings be held. One was already held before the Board of Trustees, and this is the second hearing required before adoption. Chair Law asked Dr. Marshall Goodman, Campus Executive Officer for USF Lakeland, to make opening remarks.

Dr. Goodman thanked everyone for attending and briefly talked about the importance of applied knowledge. He personally thanked President Genshaft, the members of the BOT, especially Trustees Ramil, Tomasino and Arnold, Dr. Greg Paveza, Steve Prevauz, Hank Laavandera, Dr. Carl Carlucci, and Mr. Charlie Gray of Gray Robinson, who represents Williams Company. Dr. Goodman invited Dr. Greg Paveza to present the path of the master plan to date.

Dr. Paveza provided the Board and guests with an understanding of the process that led up to the current hearing highlighting these key points in the timeline:

- In Fall of 2000, Chancellor Herbert proposed a land deal for a new Lakeland campus.
In July of 2002, the Florida Legislature appropriated funds for the new Lakeland campus.

In November of 2003, the Board of Trustees approved to go ahead with the site selection process. Shortly after that, Reynolds, Smith & Hills was hired to conduct a review of the sites offered for the new campus and to develop a campus master plan.

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In April of 2005 an initial presentation of the campus master plan was given to the Regional Campus Board. Some design questions were raised, but after reconfiguration the Campus Board approved the design in July of 2005.

In August of 2005, the Board of Trustees approved the master plan in concept.

In September of 2005, USF held the first required public hearing at the Lakeland Center. Also in September the 90-day review period began for the various governmental agencies that would comment on the plan.

In December of 2005, the review period ended and comments were received.

In January through April of 2006 comments were received from the Florida Department of State in terms of issues related to protecting for significant archeological and historic resources. Other comments came from the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Fish and Wildlife conservation Commission and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. USF also received extensive comments from the City of Lakeland. They raised issues concerning questions about the academic program elements, the urban design element, the future land-use element, the housing element, recreation and open-space element, the general-infrastructure element of the campus. USF responded to each of those. There were also issues raised issues concerning the transportation element, the intergovernmental environmental element, the capital improvements element and the architectural design guidelines. USF received comments from the Department of Community Affairs having to do with a number of elements in the campus master plan. All of those were addressed and have been incorporated into the redrafted master plan.

In April of 2006 the draft of the final version of the master plan was submitted to various internal reviewers.

In May of 2006, the master plan was modified to reflect internal edits and comments.
In August of 2006, the final master plan, in support of the inventory analysis, was distributed.

In September of 2006, the master plan was presented to and approved by the USF System Campus Development Review Committee.

In January of 2007, the master plan was presented to and approved by a joint meeting of the USF Lakeland Regional Campus Board and the Board of Trustees Academic and Campus Environment Work Group.

Dr. Paveza thanked the consultants from Reynolds, Smith & Hills, John Pehling and Chris Flagg, Julie Perricone, and all of the staff and external consultants that they employed, many people in the USF administration, including President Genshaft, Dr. Preston Mercer, Dr. Marshall Goodman, Dr. Mackey, Dr. Ponticell, Dr. Murray, Dr. Carlucci and, of course, Steven Prevaux and Hank Laavandera from the General Counsel's office, the members of the Master Planning Committee, the members of the Regional Campus Board and the members of the USF Board of Trustees.

Dr. Paveza then asked for public comments. Seeing none, he noted that the public comment portion of the hearing was concluded. Chair Law closed the public hearing.

Chair Law asked for a motion for approval of the master plan. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Trustee Ramil congratulated USF, especially those at the USF Lakeland campus, for their leadership and dedication to make this happen.

Chair Law asked for additional comments.

**Adjournment**
Having no further business, Chair Law adjourned the University of South Florida Board of Trustees Meeting at 4:45 p.m.