



Notice/Agenda of Workshop

The Board of Trustees College of the Mainland

The Workshop of the Board of Trustees of College of the Mainland will be held Monday, February 23, 2026, beginning at 12:00 PM in the

Doyle Family Administration Boardroom (A129)
1200 Amburn Road
Texas City, Texas 77591

Mission: College of the Mainland is a learning-centered, comprehensive community college dedicated to student success and the intellectual and economic enrichment of the diverse communities we serve.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. The items listed in this notice may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Chair or Board and items listed for closed session discussion may be discussed and/or approved in open session and vice versa as permitted by law.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call & Determination of Quorum**
3. **Aspen Presidents and Trustees Collaborative Overview**
4. **Strategic Goals Overview**
5. **Dual Credit Advantage Presentation**
6. **Program Spotlight - Associate of Arts in English**
 - A. Dr. Brian Anderson, Professor & Humanities Department Chair
7. **Student Spotlight**
 - A. Angelica Black - Associate of Arts in English
8. **Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code of the Open Meetings Act**
9. **Consideration of and Possible Action on any Items Discussed in Closed Session**
10. **Adjourn**

**If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board reserves the right to conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E, including but not limited to the following provisions; 1)Section 551.071-consultation with attorney, 2)Section 551.072-deliberation regarding real property, 3) Section 551.073-deliberation regarding prospective gifts, 4)Section 551.074-deliberation regarding personnel matters, and/or complaints against school personnel, 5)Section 551.082-deliberation regarding student disciplinary matters and/or complaints against personnel. 6)Section 551.087-deliberation regarding economic development negotiations, and/or 7)Section 551.089 – deliberation regarding security devices or security audits. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.*

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on, Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 5:00 PM.



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Associate of Arts in English

Dr. Brian Anderson, Professor & Humanities Department Chair



Associate of Arts in English

Program coordinator: Prof. Dalel Serda

Humanities Department Chair: Dr. Brian Anderson (Presenter)

Associate of Arts in English

- The English A.A. degree exists to allow students to build on skills in reading, writing, analysis, and research.
- Degree was implemented as part of the college's larger Pathways initiative to help encourage and facilitate transfer.
- Students earning an A.A. in English may continue bachelor's level studies in English or another field, leading to possible careers in education, publishing, communication, the arts, and other fields.
- Graduates may also find increased employability in jobs requiring writing and editing skills.
- Program consists of 60 hours and students graduate as core-complete. Program encourages students to identify with a major and work more closely with English faculty. Students take 1-2 additional literature classes beyond the core curriculum.

Program Highlights:

- 60 declared English majors (Fall 2025)
- Nine graduates since program was implemented in 2021
- 75% of graduates have transferred to universities, including the University of Houston, University of Houston-Clear Lake, UH-Victoria, Texas Tech University, and Texas Woman's University; other graduates have full-time positions.
- Advisory Council includes faculty members from University of Houston and University of Houston-Clear Lake.
- Transfer maps are currently being designed to help students make appropriate choices within the major and for electives.

Questions?



Student Spotlight

Angelica Black
Student, Associate of Arts in English



PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Executive Session

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any items included in this Notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Board at that date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by the Notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071, inclusive, of the Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to:

Section 551.071 – For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law.

Section 551.072 – For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Section 551.073 – For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation.

Section 551.074 – For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.

Section 551.076 – To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.

Section 551.082 – For the purpose of considering discipline of a student or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing.

Section 551.084 – For the purpose of excluding a witness or witnesses from a hearing during examination of another witness.

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

- A. The open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting, or
- B. At a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.



PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Possible Action on Agenda Items, Including Closed Session Matters

Consideration of and Possible Action on any items discussed in closed session.