



LWVSD Education Committee meeting
September 25, 2024, 3:30-5:00 pm
Agenda & Speaker Bios

Hosted via Zoom: Login Information available on our website: www.lwvsandiego.org/calendar
Format: 30 Minute Presentation, with 60 mins for Q&A and discussion

Presenters: **San Diego Unified School District** Board President, Shana Hazan and interim Superintendent, Dr. Fabiola Bagula.

Agenda topics to be presented:

- Student Outcomes-focused Governance framework
- Laying a strong foundation for academic success with high-quality early childhood education in transitional kindergarten at every school
- Addressing social determinants of education and improving academic and wellness outcomes through community schools, robust before/after school care, free breakfast and lunch for all, etc.
- Boosting English language acquisition (and long term academic and wellness outcomes) for multilingual learners
- Dealing with special needs children in the district

Speaker Biographies:



Shana Hazan is President of the San Diego Unified School Board and Vice Chair of the state of California's Children & Families Commission. She is a district parent, nonprofit executive, former public-school teacher, and community leader who has demonstrated her longstanding commitment to building systems that allow children and families to reach their full potential.

Shana's unyielding belief in the transformative power of education and commitment to disrupting cycles of poverty launched a career that started as a public elementary school teacher in under-resourced communities evolved as she took on roles designing and leading projects including a statewide school fitness program, an active

transportation policy network, and a nationally recognized model for youth leadership development through service-learning. Shana also designed and secured funding for the Linda Vista Kindergarten Readiness Network, a family-centered project that utilized a collective impact model to address barriers to kindergarten readiness for children and their families. She was also the visionary leader behind the Hunger Advocacy Network, an innovative initiative comprised of social service agencies, anti-hunger organizations, and nutrition advocacy organizations that collaborate to advocate for state policies that increase food security.

Over the years, Shana has become a respected nonprofit executive and community leader with experience executing innovative projects, managing large teams and budgets, and making data-driven decisions that drive impact. Today, she serves as president of Hazan Strategies, a social impact consulting firm where she works with nonprofits and social enterprises to build stronger, healthier, more inclusive communities. Previously, Shana was Chief Philanthropy Officer at Jewish Family Service where she oversaw the organization's Development, Institutional Giving, and Public Affairs teams, which secured nearly \$30 Million annually to help low-income children, families, and older adults reach their potential. Shana's unique combination of programmatic, government relations, and fundraising expertise resulted in new partnerships and funding to expand urgently needed services while shaping public policy.

Shana was appointed to and currently serves as Vice Chair of California's Children and Families Commission by Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, where she works to ensure California's youngest children receive the best start in life by shaping state policy and investing hundreds of millions of dollars to support programs, research, and advocacy. She is also on the board of Impact Cubed, and was Chair of the City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission, which she served on from 2014-2022.

Shana has been actively involved in our schools for many years. She served as president of the Friends of Franklin Elementary School Foundation and on Franklin's School Site Council, and on San Diego Unified's Superintendent Search Committee, the District Advisory Board for Compensatory Education, and the Advisory Board for Kearny High School's Stanley E. Foster School of Engineering, Innovation, and Design.

A fourth-generation San Diego Unified graduate, Shana studied political science at the University of Wisconsin and with an eye toward building a better education system earned a master's degree in Education and Social Policy from Northwestern University. She lives in Kensington with her husband and two daughters.

Shana is committed to partnering with students, families, and educators to build a school district where all children can thrive.

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Dr. Fabiola Bagula San Diego Unified School District, interim Superintendent



Dr. Bagula was adjunct faculty for the Graduate Program in Educational Leadership and Emancipatory School Leadership at California State University San Jose, the School of Leadership and Educational Sciences (SOLES) at the University of San Diego, and RISE San Diego, an organization that teaches adaptive leadership and equity-action research to aspiring leaders in the community. Dr. Bagula was faculty for school administrator credential programs for both SDCOE and USD- teaching classes for future principals such as Finance, Budgets and Taxpayer Stewardship, Ethical Decision Making, Family and Community Engagement and Evaluation and Assessment.

As a leadership scholar, Dr. Bagula also launches and delivers keynote presentations across our county (Chula Vista School District, Coronado School District, San Ysidro School District, to name a few), state and some international locations such as Verona Italy, Vienna Austria, and Zurich Switzerland.

She has been the recipient of the 2023 California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators (CALSA) Central Office Administrator of the Year, the 2013 César Chávez Visionary leader award, a nominee for San Diego's 79th district Educational Leadership Award from Representative Dr. Shirley Weber, and a former National Equity Project fellow. Additionally, Dr. Bagula has served as a founding member of Action Research Network of the Americas (ARNA) and Board member of the Social Publishers Foundation (SPF), which supports practitioner-researcher projects and the democratization of knowledge around the world.

Dr. Bagula holds a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego. Her research areas include Latina leadership and identity formation. She has published both academic and literary works, including a chapter in the 2021 book, *Latinas Leading Schools*. Likewise, she is certified in *Stakeholder Centered Coaching* with The Marshall Goldsmith Group and certified in *Leading Dialogue through Conflict* with Public Conversations Project. Dr. Bagula frequently facilitates seminars on topics of educational and systemic equity, dialogue facilitation, authenticity, improvement science, and adaptive leadership.



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