

George Latimer
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Local Development Corporation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Judith McHale, 255 South Broadway, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York as a member of the Westchester County Local Development Corporation, for the term beginning June 16, 2022 to serve at "my pleasure".

Given under my hand
and seal this 16th day
of June, 2022.


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County Executive

June 16, 2022

Ms. Judith McHale
255 South Broadway
Hastings-On-Hudson, NY 10706

Dear Ms. McHale,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Local Development Corporation Board. Your term is effective today, Thursday, June 16, 2022 and is for service at "my pleasure" as County Executive.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Local Development Corporation meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact the Local Development Corporation at 914-995-2936 for the date, place, and time of the Local Development Corporation's upcoming meeting for your participation.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County board or commission you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, and you are also responsible for adhering to the Local Development Corporation Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics. A financial disclosure form is attached.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,



George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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cc: Honorable Board of Legislators
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations
Bridget Gibbons, Director of Economic Development

Office of the County Executive

Judith McHale

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Judith McHale

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Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

In office

May 29, 2009 – July 1, 2011

President	Barack Obama
Preceded by	James K. Glassman
Succeeded by	Kathleen Stephens (Acting)

Personal details

Born	1947 (age 74–75) New York City , New York , U.S.
Political party	Democratic
Education	University of Nottingham (BA) Fordham University (JD)

Judith A. McHale is a former [Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs](#). Appointed by President Obama, she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on May 21, 2009, and sworn in on May 26. She resigned effective July 1, 2011.

McHale now serves as the president and chief executive officer of Cane Investments, LLC, a small family-owned fund where her son Brian O'Halloran is the managing director. Cane Investments makes investments in start-ups in the fields of technology and the environment.

McHale is the former president and chief executive officer of [Discovery Communications](#). For two decades, McHale helped build Discovery Communications, the parent company of the [Discovery Channel](#) cable channel, into a global media enterprise with 1.4 billion subscribers in 170 countries.

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Early life[[edit](#)]

The daughter of a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, McHale was born in New York City and grew up in Britain and apartheid-era South Africa. During these formative years, McHale's family home was said to be constantly under police surveillance and was wire-tapped; family friends were detained and mistreated; and she became close with key anti-apartheid activists, including Felicia Kentridge, who founded South Africa's Legal Resource Centre, and her husband Sydney Kentridge, the noted civil rights lawyer who went on to represent slain anti-apartheid activist Steven Biko.

She is married to Michael O'Halloran and has two sons, Brian and Mark.

Her uncle was the journalist William McHale, Rome Bureau Chief for Time Magazine in the 1960s. He died along with Enrico Mattei, a leader of Italian oil company ENI, in a plane crash on October 27, 1962, later classified as a sabotage.^[1]

Education[[edit](#)]

McHale graduated from the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom and Fordham University School of Law in New York. She has received honorary degrees from the University of Maryland, American University, the University of Miami and Colby College.

Career[[edit](#)]



Judith McHale with Mongolian Ministers Otgonbayar and Bayartsogt at dinner following a tour of Amarbayasgalant Monastery in Mongolia, 2010.

In the 1980s, McHale served as general counsel for MTV Networks, overseeing legal affairs for MTV, Nickelodeon and VH-1.

In 1987, McHale became general counsel at Discovery Communications, then a small company with a single U.S. cable channel. She went on to serve as chief operating officer, chief executive officer, and president, helping to grow Discovery into a large media company, with more than 100 channels available in 35 languages and distributed to more 1 billion subscribers in over 170 countries. During her tenure as president, Discovery's revenues increased tenfold, with annual revenues topping \$3 billion.

McHale and others at Discovery understood something important about communicating with people around the world: It makes more sense to engage people internationally on their own terms, in ways that respect their languages and customs, than it does just to bring them warmed-over versions of American programming. Discovery, nearly alone among American media companies that expanded internationally, put respect for cultural context and local voices at the heart of its business and creative strategies. It modified programming to respect viewers' regional customs and translated – rather than simply subtitled—into 35 different languages.

McHale helped forge strategic partnerships, including an alliance in 1998 with the BBC that enabled a marriage of high-quality content and global distribution strength. Under her leadership the Discovery/BBC joint venture produced numerous documentaries including "Blue Planet", "Walking with Dinosaurs" and the award-winning "Planet Earth. She also spearheaded numerous corporate acquisitions, including The Learning Channel in 1991 and the Travel Channel in 1997.

As a manager of a rapidly growing company with thousands of employees and offices in 22 countries, McHale made it a priority to create a workplace in which employees thrived professionally and personally. Discovery was consistently named one of the best places to work in various rankings, and, in 2004, McHale was honored by Working Mother magazine as a "National Family Champion" for her leadership.

At Discovery, McHale launched education and development initiatives in the United States and around the world, including the Discovery Channel Global Education Partnership, which provides free educational programming and technological support to more than a half million students at 200 schools and community centers throughout rural Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.

In 2006, after nearly 20 years at Discovery, McHale moved to Global Environment Fund, a private equity firm based in Chevy Chase, MD. McHale worked to launch the GEF/Africa Growth Fund, an investment vehicle intending to focus on supplying expansion capital to small and medium-sized enterprises that provide consumer goods and services in emerging African markets.

Prior to joining the Department of State, McHale served on the boards of directors of Polo/Ralph Lauren, Host Hotels and Resorts and DigitalGlobe, Inc. Ms. McHale currently serves on the boards of directors of SeaWorld Entertainment, Ralph Lauren Corporation Hilton Worldwide, Inc. and Yellow Media Limited.

Public service[edit]

In 1998, McHale was appointed by Governor Parris Glendening to a four-year term as a member of the Maryland State Board of Education. In September, 2013 McHale was appointed by Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, as chair of the President's Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking.

McHale has also provided leadership to a range of organizations engaged in global affairs and development. She served on the boards of the Africa Society of the National Summit on Africa, Africare, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the National Democratic Institute, and Vital Voices. In 2008, she was the co-chair of the Platform Committee of the Democratic National Convention.

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Political offices

Preceded by
James K. Glassman

**Under Secretary of State for Public
Diplomacy and Public Affairs**
2009–2011

Succeeded by
Kathleen Stephens
Acting

Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs of the United States [show]

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**COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
OATH OF OFFICE**

For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I, Judith A. McHale do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support
(Print or Type Name)

the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Member, Local Development Corp Board in and for the
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.

Date: 7/1/2022 Judith A. McHale
(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of July,
2022.

[Signature]
(Signature)
LIM KIM A
(Print or Type Name)
Notary
(Title of Official Administering Oath)

LIM KIM A.
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 0118144154
Qualified in Westchester County
Commission Expires Apr. 24, 2026

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.