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Ms. Sommerer has a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Biology from Queen's University and a Master of Science in Biology from Carleton University. With eight (8) years of experience as an executive, Sophie's leadership journey has taught her a few lessons, including "how to be an expert at not being an expert" and "how to avoid trying to boil the ocean." As the mother of two adult children, Sophie has lots of experience (and some successes) in trying to balance work and life responsibilities. She enjoys reflecting on her 20+ years of public service to inspire (and hopefully not frighten) new and young public servants.

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