

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

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**TO:** Members of the Council of the District of Columbia



**FROM:** Christina Henderson, Chairperson  
Committee on Health

**DATE:** January 30, 2023

**SUBJECT:** PR25-0042 - Board of Veterinary Medicine Sophie Stenner Confirmation  
Resolution of 2023

The Committee on Health, to which PR25-0042, the “Board of Veterinary Medicine Sophie Stenner Confirmation Resolution of 2023” was referred, reports favorably and recommends approval by the Council of the District of Columbia.

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**I. BACKGROUND AND NEED**

On December 7, 2022, Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced PR24-1115, the “Board of Veterinary Medicine Sophie Stenner Confirmation Resolution of 2022,” which would confirm the appointment of Dr. Sophie Stenner as a licensed veterinarian member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, replacing Leanne Lipton. The Council did not move this resolution in Council Period 24, so it was referred by the Secretary to Council Period 25 as PR25-0042, the “Board of Veterinary Medicine Sophie Stenner Confirmation Resolution of 2022,” on January 6, 2023. Without Council action, this resolution would be deemed approved on February 12, 2023.

Pursuant to D.C. Code § 3–1202.21, the Board of Veterinary Medicine regulates the practices of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and veterinary euthanasia technicians in the District of Columbia, and advises the Mayor with respect to the regulation of veterinary facilities. The Board is composed by five members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. Three of the members must be licensed veterinarians, one must be a veterinary technician, and one must be a consumer. Members are appointed for three-year terms, with no term limits.

If confirmed, this would be Dr. Stenner’s first three-year term.

Dr. Stenner has the requisite experience to serve as a licensed veterinarian member of the Board. She has worked as an Associate Veterinarian at Union Veterinary Clinic in the District since 2017. Previously, she worked as Head Clinician and Veterinary Surgeon at Medivet Kenton in Harrow, London from 2014-2017. Dr. Stenner received a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of London and a British Small Animal Veterinary Association certificate in Small Animal Surgery. She is a resident of the District of Columbia, currently living in Ward 6.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee recommends the confirmation of Dr. Sophie Stenner as a licensed veterinarian member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Stenner has over 10 years of experience in veterinary medicine and has the educational experience to qualify her for this appointment.

**II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY**

- December 7, 2022 PR24-1115, the “Board of Veterinary Medicine Sophie Stenner Confirmation Resolution of 2022” was introduced by the Chairman at the request of the Mayor.
- December 20, 2022 PR24-1115 was referred to the Committee on Health.
- January 6, 2023 Referred to Council Period 25 by the Secretary of the Council and renumbered PR25-0042, with the same title.
- January 13, 2023 Notice of Intent to Act on PR25-0042 was published in the *D.C. Register*.
- January 30, 2023 Consideration and vote on PR25-0042 by the Committee on Health.

**III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE**

The Committee did not receive any additional comments from the Executive.

**IV. ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION**

The Committee did not receive comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

## **V. SUMMARY OF STATEMENT**

The Committee on Health requested responses to a questionnaire, as well as a brief written statement, from Dr. Stenner. In these documents, Dr. Stenner shared that she has a wide range of experience in small animal medicine. She is a recognized Advanced Practitioner in small animal surgery at Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Currently, she works at Union Veterinary Clinic in the District of Columbia as the Surgical Director. She describes her passion for animal welfare and her commitment to continuing her education around best practices and public health concerns. Her vision is for all veterinarians in the District of Columbia to be held to the highest standards of professionalism, knowledge, and ethical conduct. She believes that her experience, both educational and professionally, qualifies her to serve on the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

## **VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW**

PR25-0042 does not amend existing law.

## **VII. FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There are no expenditures in conjunction with this legislation.

## **VIII. SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

Section 1 contains the long and short titles of the legislation.

Section 2 confirms the appointment of Sophie Stenner as a licensed veterinarian member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Section 3 provides, upon resolution adoption, for transmittal to the nominee and the Office of the Mayor.

Section 4 provides that the resolution shall take effect immediately.

## **IX. COMMITTEE ACTION**

On January 30, 2023, the Committee on Health convened a mark-up at 10:03am on PR25-0042, the “Board of Veterinary Medicine Sophie Stenner Confirmation Resolution of 2023.” Present and voting were Chairperson Christina Henderson and Councilmembers Charles Allen, Vincent C. Gray, Brianne K. Nadeau, and Zachary Parker. Chairperson Henderson gave a description of PR25-0042 before opening the floor for comments from the members. Councilmember Allen commented that he was happy to see Dr. Stenner’s appointment and offered enthusiastic support and appreciation for her service. Chairperson Henderson then moved for block

approval of the Committee Print and the Committee Report of PR25-0042. The Committee voted 5-0 to move the Committee Print and the Committee Report with the members voting as follows:

YES: Henderson, Allen, Gray, Nadeau, Parker

NO: 0

The meeting was adjourned.

## **X. ATTACHMENTS**

- A. PR25-0042 as introduced, with Mayor's Transmittal Letter, Nominee's Resume, and Referral Memo
- B. Pre-hearing Written Questionnaire and Written Statement submitted by the nominee
- C. Legal sufficiency determination
- D. Committee Print of PR25-0042

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**ATTACHMENT**  
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**MURIEL BOWSER**  
**MAYOR**

December 7, 2022

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 221 of the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 26, 2014 (D.C. Law 20-96; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.21), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

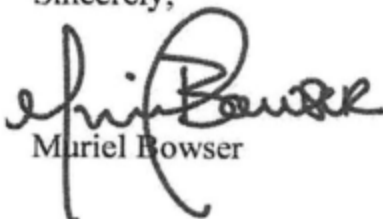
Dr. Sophie Stenner  
15<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
(Ward 6)

for appointment as a licensed veterinarian member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, replacing Leanne Lipton, for the remainder of a term to end April 16, 2023 and for a new term to end April 16, 2026.

Enclosed, you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

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16 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
17 resolution may be cited as the "Board of Veterinary Medicine Sophie Stenner Confirmation  
18 Resolution of 2022".  
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20 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:  
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22 Dr. Sophie Stenner  
23 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE  
24 Washington, DC 20002  
25 (Ward 6)  
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28 of the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 26, 2014 (D.C. Law 20-96;  
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30 16, 2023, and for a new term to end April 16, 2026

31 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
32 upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

33 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.  
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# DR. SOPHIE KINDBERG-HANLON (STENNER)

## BVetMed BSAVA PGCert SAS MRCVS

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) recognised Advanced Practitioner in Small Animal Surgery

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**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:** [REDACTED]      **E-mail:** [REDACTED]

**Nationality:** [REDACTED]

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### EDUCATION

- 2015-2018**      **British Small Animal Veterinary Association**  
Certificate in Small Animal Surgery BSAVA PGCert (SAS)
- Dec 2016**      **National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
Licenced to practice in District of Columbia
- 2006-2011**      **Royal Veterinary College, University of London (AVMA accredited)**  
Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine BVetMed

### EMPLOYMENT

**2017 - Present:** **Associate veterinarian, Union Veterinary Clinic**  
609 2nd St NE, Washington, DC, 20002

- Employed full time as an associate veterinarian within a busy general practice.
- Responsible for all aspects of patient care; appointments, medical and surgical cases and diagnostic procedures.
- Strong interest in surgery; confident soft tissue surgeon. Orthopaedic skillset including patella luxation and cruciate surgery.
- Responsible for implementing laparoscopic surgery and in-house training for staff.
- Responsible for clinical auditing and significant event monitoring for practice, ensuring high quality care through evidence based medicine.

**2014- 2017:**      **Head Clinician, Veterinary Surgeon, Medivet Kenton**  
199 Kenton Road, Harrow, London, HA3 OHO

- Employed full time as head clinician of a busy practice with a reputation for high standards of care.
- Responsible for overseeing all clinical cases; appointments, emergencies, medical and surgical cases and diagnostic procedures.
- Wide range of experience with diagnostic tools including radiography, ultrasound, endoscopy, laparoscopy, CT and MRI.
- Demonstrated teamwork with an ability to lead. I shared an out of hour's rota, heading a shift of six Veterinary Surgeons working weekends, bank holidays and nights staffing a shared 24-hour continuous care centre.
- Accountable for practice management including finances, staff and practice development. Strong awareness of commercial demands within private practice.



- Responsible for in-house training of new graduate veterinarians and mentoring of new staff.

**2013-2014      Veterinary Surgeon, Beaumont Sainsbury Animal Hospital,  
Royal Veterinary College, University of London  
Royal College Street, London, NW1 0TU**

- Worked within a team of seven Staff Clinicians responsible for teaching and mentoring final year undergraduate students during their first opinion medicine and surgery rotation.
- Developed evidence-based protocols to ensure the highest standard of first opinion care was delivered.
- Completed secondments to work alongside DipACVS and DipECVS specialists across a range of disciplines to progress my skillset, including specialists in dentistry and exotic species medicine.
- Worked as part of a team travelling to India to teach and develop surgical skills in partnership with the Worldwide Veterinary Service and Mission Rabies.
- As part of undergraduate clinical teaching rotations, I oversaw veterinary care at Dogs Trust West London with a strong focus on high quality shelter medicine.
- Gained a strong understanding of how education and charitable organisations contribute to private practice to impact animal welfare.

**2012-2013      Head Clinician, Veterinary Surgeon, Medivet Kenton  
199 Kenton Road, Harrow, London, HA3 OHO**

- Clinical responsibilities as listed for 2014 - present. My teaching and leadership roles expanded on my return in 2014.
- I left private practice to explore the diverse range of clinical roles for veterinary surgeons, returning in 2014 content that private practice is where I can affect and expand my skillset whilst improving animal welfare.

**2011-2012      Veterinary Surgeon, Medivet North West London**

- I was responsible for consultations, surgery and diagnostic procedures across various branches in North West London, working partly sole charge and supported within multi-vet branches including 24-hour continuous care centres.
- I gained a wide range of experience in both medicine and surgery and after a year I was offered a permanent position at the Medivet Kenton branch.

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## **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Compliant; available on request.

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## **INTERESTS**

I love to travel and since moving to the US I have enjoyed exploring the country. More recently I have spent time exploring the outdoors in the District. I have two dogs and enjoy walking them in Rock Creek Park and the National Arboretum. I am a keen runner and recently completed the Pacers Race The District half marathon.

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## **REFERENCES**

Available on request.

Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments  
John A. Wilson Building | 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 | Washington, DC 20004

## Dr. Sophie Stenner



Dr. Sophie Stenner is an Associate Veterinarian at Union Veterinary Clinic, where she monitors all aspects of patient care such as appointments, medical and surgical cases, and diagnostic procedures.

Dr. Stenner has extensive local and international experience improving animal welfare as a Head Clinician and Veterinary Surgeon. In these roles, Dr. Stenner developed evidence-based protocols to provide clients superior first opinion care and mentored final year undergraduate students on first opinion medicine and surgery rotations. She also oversaw veterinary care and ensured clients received high quality shelter medicine.

In addition, Dr. Stenner achieved a British Small Animal Veterinary Association certificate in Small Animal Surgery and is a Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners licensed veterinarian.

A Ward 6 resident, Dr. Sophie Stenner received a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of London.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

**To:** Bryan Hum, Steve Walker  
**From:** Betsy Cavendish  
**Date:** September 28, 2022  
**Subject:** Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Amy (Dorr) Haywood, Dr. Daniel Teich, and Dr. Sophie Stenner as members of the Board of Veterinary Medicine

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**This is to Certify** that this office has reviewed the above-referenced resolutions and found them to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call Vanessa Careiro, Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office of the Mayor, at 202-724-1303, or me at 202-724-7681.

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Elizabeth Cavendish

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

**Christina Henderson**

Councilmember, At-Large  
Chairperson, Committee on Health

**Committee Member**

Hospital and Health Equity  
Judiciary and Public Safety  
Transportation and the Environment

**INFORMATION REQUESTED OF NOMINEES**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Name: Dr. Sophie Stenner BVetMed PGCertSAS MRCVS
2. Position to which nominated: Board of Veterinary Medicine
3. Date of nomination: 01/27/2023
4. Address (list all residences in the last 10 years):

104 15<sup>th</sup> St NE, Washington DC, 20002, USA.

880 P St NE, Washington DC, 20002, USA.

13 Newton Road, London, NW2 6PS, United Kingdom.

25A Maygrove Road, London, NW6 2EP, United Kingdom.

5. Date and place of birth: 09/04/1987, Bristol, United Kingdom.
6. Marital status:
  - a. If applicable, please include full name of spouse or domestic partner.
  - b. If your spouse or domestic partner is employed, please list the spouse's or domestic partner's employer, including the address and nature of the business.

Married; a. Gene Kindberg-Hanlon, b. International Monetary Fund, 700 19<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington DC, 20431, International Organization.

**EXPERIENCE**

7. Education: List secondary and higher education institutions, major, dates attended, degree received, and date degree granted.

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed), Royal Veterinary College, University of London  
2011

National Board of Veterinary Examiners, licensed to practice in District of Columbia 2016

Certificate in Small Animal Surgery (BSAVA PGCert SAS), British Small Animal Veterinary Association 2018

8. Employment record:

- a. Please list all jobs held since college, including the title or description of job, name of employer, city/state/country of work, and dates of employment. Please account for periods of unemployment.

2011 – 2012 Medivet, Northwest London (all clinics) – Associate veterinarian

2012 – 2013 Medivet Kenton, 199 Kenton Road, Harrow, London HA3, 0HD, United Kingdom – Head Clinician

2013 – 2014 Beaumont Sainsbury Animal Hospital, Royal Veterinary College, University of London, Royal College Street, London, NW1 0TU

2014 – 2017 Medivet Kenton, 199 Kenton Road, Harrow, London HA3, 0HD, United Kingdom – Head Clinician

2017 – Present Union Veterinary Clinic, 609 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE, Washington DC, 20002, USA.

- b. Please list all current sources of non-investment income (including each entities' address and nature of business) for you and your spouse or domestic partner.

N/A

9. Government experience: Please list any advisory, consultative, honorary, or other part-time services or positions with federal, state, or local governments, other than those listed above. Please also list military service, if any.

None.

10. Licenses: Please list any professional or occupational licenses that you hold.

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11. Memberships: Please list all memberships and offices currently or formerly held in professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, public, charitable, and other organizations. Please include any relevant dates in your response.

British Small Animal Veterinary Association 2011 – 2017

American Medical Veterinary Association 2017 – Present

12. Published writings: Please list the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, reports, or other public materials that you have written. Please provide copies or active hyperlinks to the Committee.

None.

13. What do you believe in your background or employment experience qualifies you for this particular appointment?

I have extensive clinical experience in addition to experience in setting standards, protocol and making objective assessment.

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

14. Please list all offices with a political party and positions you have held on any partisan or non-partisan campaign, or any public office for which you have been a candidate.

N/A.

15. Please list any services rendered to any political parties, political party conventions or election committees (performed either for a fee or as a volunteer) in the past ten years.

N/A

16. Please itemize all political contributions to any individual, campaign organization, political party, political action committee, or similar entity of \$50 or more for the past ten years.

N/A

17. Please list all political fundraising functions or events you have either hosted or co-hosted in the last ten years, including the name of the candidate, the date of the event, and where the event was held.

N/A

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND LEGAL MATTERS: NONE

18. Business relationships:

- a. Please list all positions currently or formerly held as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, agent, representative, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise, educational, or other institution.

N/A

- b. Are you or your immediate family an officer or director of any corporation, partnership, or other organization in the District of Columbia, either for profit or

non-profit, that is doing business with the District government? If so, please list the name and address of the entity, your relationship to the organization, and the nature of the business relationship with the District. Please also indicate if the organization is registered with the District and in good standing to do business in the District.

N/A

- c. Do you or any member of your immediate family hold an ownership interest in any firm that is now or has ever done business with the District of Columbia government? If so, please list the name and address of the entity, your relationship to the organization, and the nature of the business relationship with the District. Please also indicate if the organization is registered with the District and in good standing to do business in the District.

N/A

- d. Please provide the Committee the name of each business entity transacting any business with the District Government in which you or your immediate family have a beneficial interest valued in excess of \$1,000, including publicly traded stock.

N/A

- e. Please provide the Committee the name of each business entity transacting any business (including consulting) with the District Government from which you or your immediate family have received (or are receiving) income for services rendered in excess of \$1,000 during the past three years.

N/A

- f. Do you or any member of your immediate family have any interest, financial or otherwise, that may directly or indirectly pose a conflict of interest for you in performance of your duties for the position for which you have been nominated?

No

- 19. Liabilities: Please provide the name of any lender and the amount of liability for each outstanding liability held by you or any member of your immediate family in excess of \$2,000, with the exception of school, home, or automobile loans.

N/A

- 20. Property: Please list the address of all real property located in the District of Columbia in which you have an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000.

104 15<sup>th</sup> St NE, Washington, DC, 20002.



21. Other appointments: Are you currently a member of any board or commission connected with the District of Columbia government? Please list all boards and commissions connected with the District Government of which you are or have been a member, including the term of service for each.

No

22. Gifts: Please list all gifts, donations, and meals, by source and amount, received or made to any District employee over the last ten years; and, if employed by the District now or in the past, list all gifts (including meals) received in your official capacity over the last ten years while employed by the District of Columbia. Please only include gifts, donations, or meals in excess of \$50.

N/A

23. Fundraising: If you are, or have been, employed by the District, please list all fundraising activities, including charitable, political, community and work-related, in which you have been engaged while employed by the District. List activity, amount, source, and purpose.

N/A

24. Taxes: Do you have any outstanding liability for any taxes, fees, or other payments to the District, federal or other state or local governments, either contested or uncontested? If so, please describe the types and amounts of all taxes or fees in dispute and the dates the taxes or fees were originally due. Please also provide documentation of any attempts to pay the amount owed or to resolve the disputed claim.

No

25. Legal Matters:

- a. Have you ever been investigated, disciplined, or cited for a breach of ethics for unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please explain.

No.

- b. To your knowledge, have you ever been investigated, arrested, charged, or convicted (including pleas of guilty or nolo contendere) by any federal, State, or other law enforcement authority for violation of any federal, State, county, or municipal law other than a minor traffic offense? If so, please explain.

No.

- c. Have you or any business of which you are or were an officer, director, or owner, ever been involved as a party in interest in any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation? If so, please explain.

No.

- d. Has any employee, subordinate, supervisor, client or other person of interest ever filed a written complaint against you for any reason? If so, please identify the situation, provide relevant facts, and state the disposition of the matter.

No.

- 26. Lobbying: Have you registered in the past three years with any local, state, or federal government to lobby? If so, please list, the jurisdiction(s) in which you were or are registered, the date(s) of your registration, and the clients on whose behalf you have lobbied.

No.

- 27. Please advise the Committee of any additional information, favorable or unfavorable, which you feel should be considered in connection with your nomination.

N/A.

OATH

Please complete the following affirmation and include it with the answers and documentation you provide to the Committee in response to this questionnaire.

I, Sophie Stenner, attest and affirm under penalty of perjury that the answers and materials provided to the Committee in response to this questionnaire are, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete. I understand that if I knowingly or willfully make any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, such statement and/or representation could subject me to civil and/or criminal penalties.

*Sophie Stenner*

01/29/2023

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SIGNATURE

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**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**



Public Testimony

PR25-0042, the “Board of Veterinary Medicine Sophie Stenner Confirmation Resolution of 2022”

Testimony of  
Dr. Sophie Stenner

Before the  
Committee on Health  
Council of the District of Columbia  
The Honorable Christina Henderson, Chairperson

January 27, 2023  
9:30 AM  
Virtual Meeting Platform  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Good morning, Chairperson Henderson and members of the Committee on Health. My name is Dr. Sophie Stenner. I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding my re-nomination to the Board of Veterinary medicine and I would like to thank the Mayor for nominating me to this position.

I graduated from the Royal Veterinary College of the University of London in 2011. I worked as a small animal veterinarian in London before relocating to Washington, D.C in 2018. I have a wide range of experience within small animal medicine beginning as an associate veterinarian and progressing to become a Head Clinician. I returned to the University of London in 2014 to take a teaching position within the First Opinion Small Animal Teaching Hospital. This role included providing care for dogs at the Dog's Trust in West London as part of the shelter medicine rotation for final year students. While in London, I attained a post graduate certificate in small animal surgery in 2017 and am a Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons recognized Advanced Practitioner in small animal surgery. I am currently the Surgical Director at Union Veterinary Clinic in Washington, D.C and am working toward becoming a board-certified specialist in general practice.

I am passionate about animal welfare and it would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Throughout my career I have been dedicated to providing the highest standard of care. I have always taken an active role within the veterinary community through teaching and mentoring and am a member of various professional organizations including the American Veterinary Medical Association.

I am committed to continuing education and have used this to further my knowledge of best practice and public health concerns. I am an effective communicator and collaborator and

recognize the importance of this when working towards shared objectives. In my current role I am responsible for clinical auditing and significant event monitoring. I take pride in setting standards and creating new protocols.

I feel my extensive clinical experience and demonstrated ability to be objective in assessment qualifies me for this role and would make me a valuable addition to the board. My hope is that this role will allow me to further work to improve animal welfare whilst serving my profession and the community in which I live and work.

My vision for the board is to ensure that all licensed veterinarians in Washington D.C are held to the highest standards of professionalism, knowledge, and ethical conduct. I believe that through legislation, education, and regulation animal welfare standards can be continually improved. I am committed to working with the Board to achieve these goals.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to take any questions you have.

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**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL**

Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 4  
Washington, DC 20004  
(202) 724-8026

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Councilmember Christina Henderson**

**FROM: Nicole L. Streeter, General Counsel *NLS***

**DATE: January 27, 2023**

**RE: Legal Sufficiency Determination for Proposed  
Resolution 25-42, the Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Sophie Stenner Confirmation Resolution of 2023**

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The measure is legally and technically sufficient for Council consideration.

This proposed resolution would confirm the appointment of Dr. Sophie Stenner as a licensed veterinarian member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine pursuant to section 221 of the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 26, 2014 (D.C. Law 20-96; D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.21).

I am available if you have any questions.



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1 **Committee Print**  
2 **Committee on Health**  
3 **PR25-0042**  
4 **January 30, 2023**  
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24 **Washington, D.C. 20002**  
25 **(Ward 6)**  
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27 **as a licensed veterinarian member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, pursuant to section 221**  
28 **of the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 26, 2014 (D.C. Law 20-96;**  
29 **D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.21), for a term to end April 16, 2026.**

30 **Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,**  
31 **upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.**

32 **Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.**