

IN RE BENJAMIN H. et al.

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Decided July 28, 2016

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HJELM, and HUMPHREY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Benjamin H. and the mother and father of Timothy E. appeal from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Powers, J.*) terminating their parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2015). Contrary to the parents' contentions, there is sufficient competent evidence in the record to support the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of at least one ground of parental unfitness and that termination is in the best interest of the children. *See In re Alana S.*, 2002 ME 126, ¶ 20, 802 A.2d 976 (holding that if any of the trial court's alternative findings of unfitness were supported by clear and convincing evidence, then the court's finding of unfitness was sufficient); *In re Justin S.*, 595 A.2d 1058, 1060 (Me. 1991) (affirming a best interest determination based upon competent record evidence regarding the child's need for stability).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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