

IN RE CHILDREN OF ALECIA M.

Submitted on Briefs February 24, 2021  
Decided March 4, 2021

Panel: GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Alecia M. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Bangor, *Jordan, J.*) terminating her parental rights to two of her children. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the record contains competent evidence to support the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, of parental unfitness, that is, that she is unable to protect the children from jeopardy and those circumstances are unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet the children's needs. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i) (2020); *In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶ 6, 226 A.3d 1157. We also discern no error or abuse of discretion in the court's determination that termination of the mother's parental rights is in the children's best interests. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a) (2020); *In re Children of James B.*, 2020 ME 14, ¶ 10, 225 A.3d 1285.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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