

IN RE CHILDREN OF MELINDA M.

Submitted on Briefs June 16, 2021
Decided June 24, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Melinda M. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (*Presque Isle, Nelson, J.*) terminating her parental rights as to her two children. Although the mother has raised no issues on appeal,¹ we have nevertheless considered the sufficiency of the evidence supporting the termination of her parental rights. We discern no clear error in the trial court's findings of parental unfitness as to the mother and no clear error or abuse of discretion in the court's determination that termination of the mother's parental rights is in the best interests of the children. See 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii), & (iv) (2021); *In re Daniel H.*, 2017 ME 89, ¶¶ 14, 17, 160 A.3d 1182.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

¹ The mother's attorney filed a brief stating that he did not believe that there were any arguable issues on appeal and that he followed the process identified in *In re M.C.*, 2014 ME 128, ¶ 7, 104 A.3d 139. Although the mother filed a supplemental brief, she did not raise any cognizable issues for appeal nor did she request the appointment of new counsel.

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