

IN RE CHILD OF LARRY P.

Submitted on Briefs July 13, 2021

Decided July 20, 2021

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Larry P. appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Lewiston, *Oram, J.*) terminating his parental rights as to his child. Contrary to the father's contention, the record contains sufficient evidence to support the court's finding of parental unfitness by clear and convincing evidence and its determination of the father's parental rights was in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii) (2021); *In re Child of Angela S.*, 2020 ME 60, ¶¶ 8-11, 232 A.3d 215. Further, the court did not abuse its discretion in its ultimate conclusion that the termination of the father's rights was in the child's best interest. *In re Mathew H.*, 2017 ME 151, ¶ 2, 167 A.3d 561. Finally, the court did not violate the father's due process rights when the court denied his motion to continue because the particular situation demanded that his attorney attend the proceeding remotely, the court addressed all technological difficulties during the trial, and the father "had an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence and witnesses, and . . . to respond to the claims and evidence presented." *See In re A.M.*, 2012 ME 118, ¶¶ 15-17, 27, 55 A.3d 463.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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