

IN RE CHILD OF BRIAN C.

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Decided September 29, 2022

Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, JABAR, HORTON, CONNORS, and LAWRENCE, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Brian C. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Bangor, *Lucy, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child.¹ *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2)(a), (b)(i-ii), (iv) (2022). Contrary to his contention, on this record the court correctly considered the child's need for permanency and therefore did not abuse its discretion in determining that termination was in the child's best interest. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4050 (2022); *In re Child of Walter C.*, 2019 ME 121, ¶ 7, 213 A.3d 113; *In re A.H.*, 2013 ME 85, ¶ 16, 77 A.3d 1012.

Furthermore, the court did not err in finding that the father would not be able to meet the needs of the child within a reasonable time and the evidence admitted at the hearing was sufficient for the court to find by clear and convincing evidence at least one ground of parental unfitness. *See In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶ 7, 236 A.3d 438; *In re Children of Troy C.*, 2018 ME 150, ¶ 8, 196 A.3d 452.

¹ The mother's parental rights to the child were terminated following a separate hearing. She is not a party to this appeal.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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