

IN RE CHILD OF RYAN G.

Submitted on Briefs December 28, 2022

Decided January 5, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Ryan G. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Woodman, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2022). Contrary to the father's contention, the court did not abuse its discretion in denying his motion to continue considering the court gave the father the alternate option to appear on Zoom and the father chose not to participate. *See In re A.M.*, 2012 ME 118, ¶¶ 16-17, 19, 20, 55 A.3d 463.

There is competent evidence in the record to support the court's findings concerning the father's unfitness, and the court did not err or abuse its discretion when it determined termination of the father's parental rights was in the best interest of the child. *See In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶ 8, 236 A.3d 445; *In re R.M.*, 2015 ME 38, ¶ 7, 114 A.3d 212.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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