

IN RE CHILD OF KARIANN V.

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Decided December 7, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Nofsinger, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i) (2023). The mother argues that the court abused its discretion by failing to review the best interest of the child standard. To the contrary, the court properly considered the child's age, the duration and adequacy of the child's current living arrangements, the stability of any proposed living arrangements for the child, and other statutorily mandated factors. 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3) (2023); *In re Adoption of Lily T.*, 2010 ME 58, ¶ 37, 997 A.2d 722. Therefore, the court did not err or abuse its discretion in finding at least one ground of parental unfitness and determining that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the child's best interest. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i) (2023); *In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶ 8, 236 A.3d 445.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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