

IN RE CHILD OF ROBERT B.

Submitted on Briefs December 20, 2023

Decided December 28, 2023

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Robert B. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Portland, *Powers, J.*) terminating his parental rights to his child. Contrary to his contention, the court did not err in finding parental unfitness based on evidence that the father was not involved in the child's life, did not understand the child's needs, and failed to attend visits with the child consistently. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2023); *In re Child of Daniel Q.*, 2018 ME 45, ¶ 2, 182 A.3d 735; *In re Doris G.*, 2006 ME 142, ¶ 17, 912 A.2d 572. The trial court also did not err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the father's parental rights was in the best interest of the child, who needs permanency. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Anastasia M.*, 2017 ME 213, ¶ 2, 172 A.3d 922.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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