

IN RE CHILD OF MELISSA H.

Submitted on Briefs June 20, 2024
Decided June 27, 2024

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Bangor, *Szylvian, J.*) terminating her parental rights. Contrary to the mother's contentions, the court did not obviously err when it concluded that she is "unable to protect [the child] from jeopardy and that circumstance is unlikely to change in a time reasonably calculated to meet [the child]'s needs" and "unable to take responsibility for [the] child in a time reasonably calculated to meet [the child's] needs." See 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i)-(ii) (2024); *In re Children of Quincy A.*, 2023 ME 49, ¶ 10, 300 A.3d 832; *In re Children of Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶ 7, 236 A.3d 438. Nor did the court abuse its discretion when it determined that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the child's best interest. 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (2)-(3); *Jason C.*, 2020 ME 86, ¶ 10, 236 A.3d 438.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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