

IN RE CHILDREN OF DUSTIN O.

Submitted on Briefs November 17, 2022

Decided November 29, 2022

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Dustin O. and Caitlyn B. appeal from an order entered by the District Court (Biddeford, *Duddy, J.*) terminating their parental rights to their two children. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(A)(1)(a), (B)(2) (2022). Contrary to the parents' contentions, the court did not err in finding, by clear and convincing evidence, at least one ground of parental unfitness for each parent. *See id.* § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii); *In re Children of Tiyonie R.*, 2019 ME 34, ¶ 6, 203 A.3d 824; *In re Doris G.*, 2006 ME 142, ¶ 15, 912 A.2d 572. Nor did the court err or abuse its discretion in finding that termination of both parents' parental rights was in the best interest of the children because competent evidence supports the court's findings that the children need to achieve permanency soon, that the parents have taken minimal steps towards reunification, and that the children become extremely dysregulated before and after visits with their parents. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(1-C), 4055(2) (2022); *In re Jacob B.*, 2008 ME 168, ¶ 14, 959 A.2d 734; *In re C.P.*, 2013 ME 57, ¶ 19, 67 A.3d 558; *see also* 19-A M.R.S. § 1653(3)(N) (2022).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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