Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

IN RE GUARDIANSHIP OF AB

Docket No. 372382

LC No. 2013-352608-GM

James Robert Redford
Presiding Judge

Michael J. Riordan

Mariam Saad Bazzi
Judges

This Court's August 20, 2025 opinion and order vacated the trial court's order granting the petition of appellee to terminate the minor guardianship over her daughter (AB) and remanded to that court, while retaining jurisdiction, with instructions to render additional factual findings with respect to the best-interests factors set forth in MCL 700.5101(a)(*i*), (*iii*), (*v*), (*vi*), and (*vii*). On remand, the trial court considered the parties' respective arguments and subsequently delivered an opinion from the bench on December 19, 2025, addressing these five statutory factors and reaffirming its earlier order terminating the guardianship.

Having reviewed the newly created record on remand, including the transcript of the December 19, 2025 hearing, we AFFIRM the trial court's findings of fact that were the subject of our remand order. See *In re Redd Guardianship*, 321 Mich App 398, 403; 909 NW2d 289 (2017). With regard to MCL 700.5101(a)(*i*) and (*vii*), the trial court extensively discussed the history of the case and the relevant facts for each of those two factors, and none of those findings were clearly erroneous, nor were its ultimate findings that the factors each weighed equally between the parties. With regard to MCL 700.5101(a)(*iii*), the trial court correctly reassessed the factor without reference to education, a matter that is properly considered in the context of MCL 700.5101(a)(*ii*). Further, with regard to MCL 700.5101(a)(*v*), the trial court expressly found that the factor weighed equally, a finding that was not necessarily apparent in its original decision, and that is not clearly erroneous on review. Finally, with regard to MCL 700.5101(a)(*vi*), the trial court again found that the factor weighed equally, and its analysis indicates no factual or legal errors.

Therefore, having found no clear error as to the five statutory factors at issue, and there being no other factual or legal error apparent to us, we AFFIRM the trial court's decision from the bench to terminate the guardianship. However, we note that the trial court's December 23, 2025 order addressing visitation that has been transmitted to us does not expressly terminate the guardianship. Accordingly, to the extent that the trial court did not enter an order to that effect on or after December 19, 2025, we

REMAND this case to that court to complete that ministerial task of terminating the guardianship. We do not retain jurisdiction.

Presiding Judge

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