



Fourth Court of Appeals
San Antonio, Texas

MEMORANDUM OPINION

No. 04-20-00086-CV

In the Interest of **L.M.D.J.**, M.R.A.H., M.L.D.H., M.C.E.H., R.R.A.H., Minor Children

From the 285th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas
Trial Court No. 2019PA00216
Honorable Martha Tanner, Judge Presiding

Opinion by: Irene Rios, Justice

Sitting: Rebeca C. Martinez, Justice
Irene Rios, Justice
Beth Watkins, Justice

Delivered and Filed: July 8, 2020

AFFIRMED, MOTION TO WITHDRAW DENIED

This is an appeal from a judgment terminating appellant's parental rights to her children, L.M.D.J., M.R.A.H., M.L.D.H., M.C.E.H., and R.R.A.H. Appellant's court-appointed appellate counsel has filed a motion to withdraw and a brief discussing the applicable law and evaluating the entire record in this case. Counsel identifies and analyzes two potential appellate issues, but ultimately concludes no non-frivolous grounds can be advanced in support of reversal of the trial court's judgment. Counsel's brief satisfies the requirements of *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). See *In re P.M.*, 520 S.W.3d 24, 27 (Tex. 2016) (noting *Anders* procedures apply in parental termination cases); *In re R.R.*, No. 04-03-00096-CV, 2003 WL 21157944, at *4 (Tex. App.—San Antonio May 21, 2003, no pet.) (same). Counsel provided appellant a copy of his brief and advised her of her right to review the record and file a pro se brief. We set deadlines for appellant to request

the record and file a pro se brief and advised her of these deadlines. Appellant did not request the record or file a pro se brief.

After conducting an independent review of the entire record in this case, we conclude this appeal is frivolous. Therefore, we affirm the trial court's termination judgment. However, we deny counsel's motion to withdraw. *See In re P.M.*, 520 S.W.3d at 27 (noting that in parental termination cases court-appointed counsel's duty to his client generally extends "through the exhaustion of all appeals" "including the filing of a petition for review" in the Texas Supreme Court). If appellant desires to pursue this matter in the Texas Supreme Court, counsel may fulfill his duty "by filing a petition for review that satisfies the standards for an *Anders* brief." *See id.* at 28 & n.14.

Irene Rios, Justice