

Documentary Appendix

Due-Diligence Record Concerning the 2026 PEMC Nomination of Arūnas Bubnys

Public supporting record for “Did Anyone Check the History?”

Version 1

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Purpose. This appendix collects the public and official sources supporting the principal due-diligence questions raised by the accompanying article. It is a public derivative of a larger internal claim register; it is not the internal register itself. Unverified leads, internal research strategy, prospective claims, private correspondence not already public, and material unnecessary to the nomination question are excluded.

Standard. Each item below is limited to what the cited document establishes. Institutional conduct is attributed to the institution; personal conduct is attributed to Arūnas Bubnys only where his own statement, office, signature, or candidacy is documented. The status of mutable web pages is stated as at 2 September 2026.

Source-control note. Page 2969 is treated here as the 19 July 2018 webpage form of LGGRTC Letter No. 14R-52 that remained live in August 2026. An August 11 capture has been inspected and does not establish a distinct 22 May 2026 republication. The proved point is continued publication after the Foreign Ministry’s 12 May 2026 correction letter.

At a glance

Issue	Documented fact	Why PEMC should see it	Status
Nomination	PEMC-prepared candidate overview praises Bubnys for more than 40 years of scholarship, archival work and state service and for advancing historical truth.	The nomination itself makes historical integrity part of the criterion.	Public
Noreika	Lithuania’s International Commission rejected LGGRTC’s 2019 exculpatory reasoning; LGGRTC later published categorical rescue conclusions; Bubnys himself used materially more cautious language in 2021.	Tests the gap between categorical institutional publication and the later director’s stated evidentiary caution.	Verified
Brazaitis	Lithuania’s Foreign Ministry conceded in May 2026 that “complete exoneration” was legally imprecise and said the wording had been corrected; August captures still showed DOJ-rehabilitation claims.	Tests correction, persistence and institutional quality control during Bubnys’s tenure.	Verified
Škirpa	Report No. 9R-598 carries the names of Director General Arūnas Bubnys and historian Alfredas Rukšėnas; the Lithuanian Jewish Community, representing 32 organizations, rejected it by reference number.	Places the candidate’s own name on the instrument at the center of a major Holocaust-memory dispute.	Verified
2026 selection	LGGRTC’s Council ran the first public director selection, selected Donata Kabelkė, and later declined to advance Bubnys after he finished second.	The nomination expressly relies on state service; the institution’s own recent leadership-selection record is therefore relevant context.	Verified

1. The nomination and the Platform process

[LRT reported on 18 August 2026](#) that the Platform-prepared candidate overview credits Bubnys with more than forty years of scientific, archival and state-service work and says that his work contributes to the dissemination of historical truth. LRT also records his long LGGRTC tenure: he headed the Centre’s historical-research department from 2009 to 2021 and has led the institution since April 2021.

LGGRTC is a founding member of PEMC. The Platform’s [2024 Council agenda](#) expressly provides for voting on membership applicants “without the participation of candidates and applicants.” The prize appears separately:

candidates are presented and the vote is by secret ballot. The published agenda does not state a parallel prize-recusal rule. This appendix does not infer that no such rule exists; it asks PEMC to identify the rule, if any, governing a vote involving the leader of a member institution.

Public question: who nominated Arūnas Bubnys? If the nominator is confidential by rule, what is the rule? If not, was the nomination submitted by LGGRTC, another Lithuanian member, another member institution, or the Platform's leadership?

2. Noreika: the state commission, the categorical Centre finding, and Bubnys's later caution

On 11 April 2019 Lithuania's presidentially established International Commission answered LGGRTC's March 2019 Noreika statement. The Commission said it found "utterly unacceptable" the Centre's attempts to surround Noreika's actions with exculpatory arguments and obfuscations. It said the ghetto-as-haven proposition "recycles the Nazi argument of 1941." After quoting LGGRTC's criticism of the plaintiff's source selection, it added: "It seems obvious that the Center has adopted much the same approach." [Commission response](#).

"We find utterly unacceptable the Center's attempts to surround the actions of Jonas Noreika with exculpatory arguments and obfuscations..."

Eight months later, in its [2019 archive](#), LGGRTC published a 18 December entry announcing that Noreika organized Jewish rescue in Šiauliai and listing three categorical conclusions: that he actively contributed to rescue; that he should be regarded as an anti-Nazi resistance participant from the beginning of his district-chief tenure; and that until the liquidation of the Žagarė ghetto he did not understand that ghettos were a stage of the Holocaust.

Bubnys's own [2021 interview](#) is materially more cautious. He said Noreika's involvement in saving Jews was "up for discussion"; that "no documented evidence exists" that Noreika knew about the Jasaitis family's rescue activity; and that he could not assert that events happened one particular way or another. As at 2 September 2026, the categorical 2019 archive entry remained public.

What this establishes: not that Bubnys personally authored the 2019 memorandum, but that an authoritative Lithuanian state commission rejected LGGRTC's exculpatory method, the Centre later published categorical rescue conclusions, and its later director publicly described the evidence in materially less categorical terms.

3. Brazaitis: correction reported to Congress, persistence on the Centre's pages

LGGRTC had long described Juozas Ambrazevičius-Brazaitis as "completely exonerated" in the United States and as "rehabilitated by the United States Department of Justice." The underlying American disposition was administrative. INS Commissioner Leonard F. Chapman reported that the names were removed from an active list and the investigations were deactivated; further sources would continue to be queried and the matter could be reactivated if meaningful information emerged. The Chapman/Eilberg material is collected in the [Congressional correspondence package](#).

On 12 May 2026 Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Vidmantas Verbickas told Representative Brad Sherman that the "complete exoneration" wording was legally imprecise and that administrative discontinuation is not formal judicial exoneration under United States law. The Ministry also told Congress that the wording "has since been corrected." The Embassy transmitted the response together with six pages of American documents. [MFA package](#).

The observable public record did not match the reported completion of correction. August 2026 captures showed [live page 2969](#) still stating that Brazaitis had been rehabilitated by the U.S. Department of Justice, and page 3058 still carrying the same stronger attribution in another paragraph. On 26 August page 3058 visibly removed one use of reabilituoti ("rehabilitated") from a separate sentence and displayed a correction marker. [Annotated August comparison](#); [TOI correction article](#).

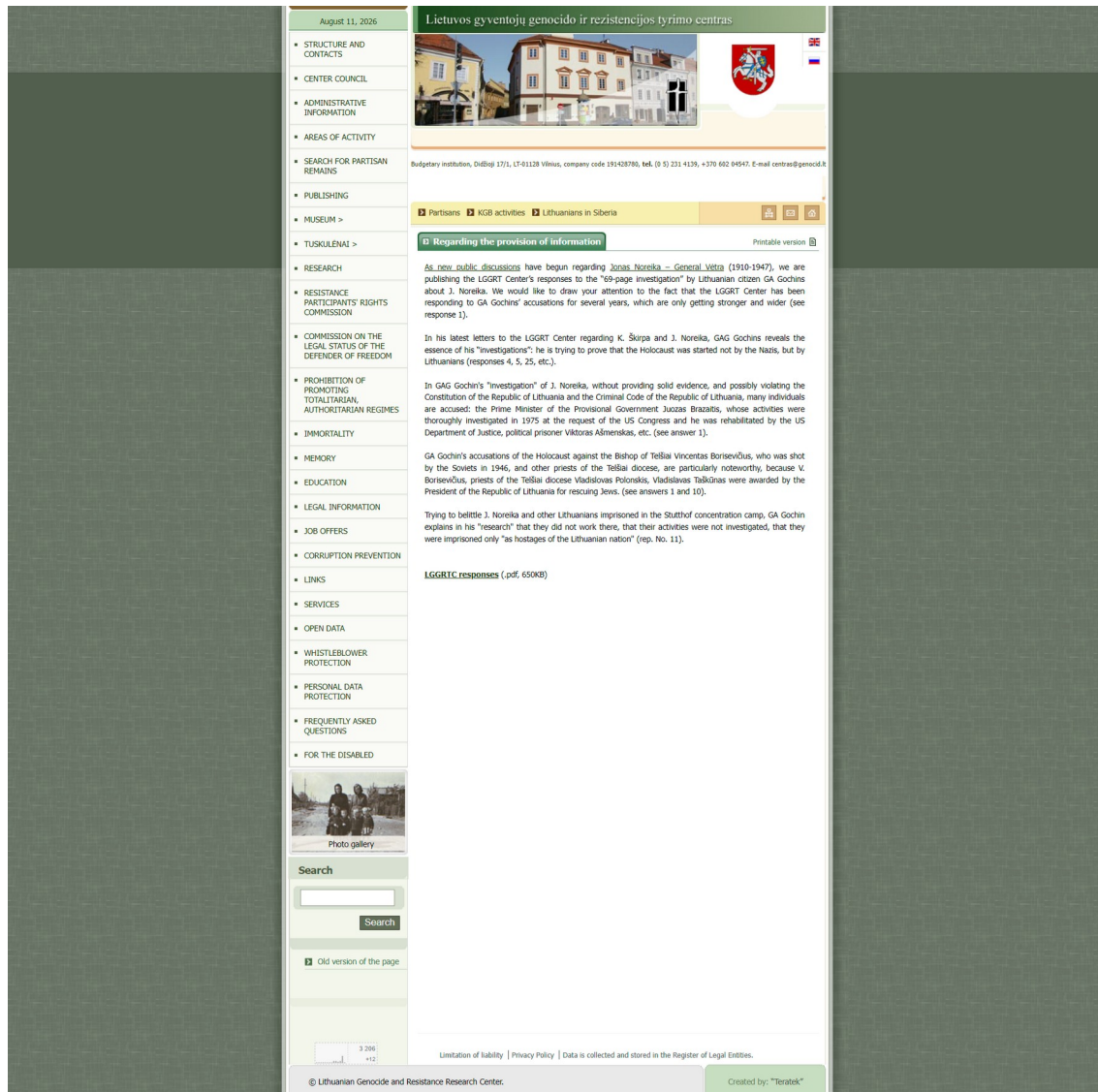


Figure 1. August 11, 2026 capture of LGGRTC page 2969. The capture shows the 2018 “Regarding the provision of information” text and the claim that Brazaitis was rehabilitated by the U.S. Department of Justice. The capture date is not treated as a new publication date.

THE DELETED WORD

Silent amendment of 26 August 2026 to a Lithuanian state webpage
Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania | genocid.lt/centras.lt/3058/a



THE CENTRE'S OWN DATE STAMP ON EACH CAPTURE



6 AUGUST 2026 — the word is present

Lietuvos laikinosios vyriausybės vadovo Juozo Ambrazevičiaus-Brazaičio ir šios vyriausybės vidaus reikalų ministro Jono Šlepečio veikla ir po išsamaus tyrimo jie buvo reabilituoti (išbraukti iš įtariamųjų sąrašo), nes jų veikloje nebuvo rasta nusikaltimo įrodymų. Tai akivaizdžiai liudija šie JAV institucijų dokumentai.

30 AUGUST 2026 — the word is gone; the Centre's correction marker is in its place

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1 The Centre's own site date stamp, proving the date of each capture.

2 Not corrected. Both captures state that Brazaitis was rehabilitated by the U.S. Ministry of Justice — „reabilituotas JAV teisingumo ministerijos“.

3 Deleted on 26 August 2026. The word „reabilituoti“ — rehabilitated — and the parentheses around the phrase that followed it.

4 Inserted by the Centre in the space left by the deletion: its own correction marker, „(pataisyta 2026 08 26)“ — corrected 26 08 2026.

WHAT CHANGED: „Jie buvo reabilituoti (išbraukti iš įtariamųjų sąrašo)“ — “they were rehabilitated (removed from the list of suspects)” — became „jie buvo išbraukti iš įtariamųjų sąrašo (pataisyta 2026 08 26)“ — “they were removed from the list of suspects (corrected 26 08 2026).”

WHAT DID NOT CHANGE: Four paragraphs above, on the same page, the Centre continues to assert rehabilitation by the United States Department of Justice. That sentence is identical in both captures.

NOT ANNOUNCED: No public statement, no corrections log, no notice to the complainants, prosecutors, ministries or congressional offices holding the earlier wording.

THE AMERICAN RECORD: INS Commissioner Leonard F. Chapman, Jr. to Subcommittee Chairman Joshua Eilberg, December 1974, file CO 703.951: the investigations were “deactivated,” subject to reactivation on information of probative value. Brazaitis was never questioned. No U.S. court, prosecutor or administrative body adjudicated his conduct.

Source: Lietuvos gyventojų genocido ir rezistencijos tyrimo centras (LGGRTC), www.genocid.lt/centras.lt/3058/a. Unaltered full-page captures of 6 August 2026 and 30 August 2026, held by Grant Arthur Gochin. Coloured marks and captions added; no page text has been altered, moved or removed.

Figure 2. Annotated comparison of LGGRTC page 3058 captured on 6 August and 30 August 2026. The later capture shows one use of reabilituoti (“rehabilitated”) deleted and replaced by the Centre’s correction marker dated 26 August, while the stronger statement that Brazaitis was rehabilitated by the U.S. Department of Justice remains unchanged higher on the same page. [Public preservation image.](#) The chronology spans three LGGRTC directors: Teresė Birutė Burauskaitė, Adas Jakubauskas and Arūnas Bubnys. This appendix does not attribute the original wording to Bubnys personally. It records that the disputed formulation persisted

into his directorship and remained observable after Lithuania's Foreign Ministry reported to Congress that the wording had been corrected.

4. Škirpa: Report No. 9R-598 carries Bubnys's name

LGGRTC Report No. 9R-598 (9.6E), dated 25 June 2024 and published in August 2024, carries the names of Director General Dr. Arūnas Bubnys and historian Dr. Alfredas Rukšėnas. LGGRTC's public notice foregrounded Rukšėnas as the historian who prepared the report; the document itself also carries Bubnys's name in the director-general signature block. [Official report](#); [preservation copy](#).

On 23 August 2024 the Council of the Lithuanian Jewish Community, representing thirty-two Lithuanian and foreign Jewish organizations, categorically rejected the report and conclusion. Its English statement describes plans to commemorate Škirpa as "a case of Holocaust revisionism." That characterization is the Community's, not a legal finding by this appendix. [LJC statement](#).

The report itself reproduces substantial adverse antisemitic material rather than simply omitting it. The dispute concerns attribution, weighting and the cumulative conclusion. The underlying document-by-document challenge is public in [The Škirpa Report Cannot Stand](#).

What this establishes: the nomination is not being tested against a controversy merely associated with the institution Bubnys leads. His name appears on the report that the Lithuanian Jewish Community rejected by reference number. It does not, by itself, establish that he personally drafted every sentence.

5. The Centre's 2026 leadership selection

In April 2026 LGGRTC's Council conducted the [first public selection process for the director's office](#). The Council heard three candidates: Bubnys, Donata Kabelkė and Dovilė Lauraitienė. It selected Kabelkė and submitted her candidacy to the Speaker of the Seimas. [Three-candidate report](#).

After the Seimas rejected Kabelkė, Council chairman Arūnas Streikus rejected the suggestion that the Council simply advance Bubnys, who had finished second. LRT reported Streikus's explanation that from the outset the Council had not regarded any of the other candidates in that competition as suitable for the position. [LRT, 11 June 2026](#).

This is not a finding that Bubnys lacks scholarly competence, and the appendix does not use it as one. The nomination expressly relies on his state service and leadership; the recent assessment made by the statutory Council charged with selecting the institution's director is therefore relevant due-diligence context.

6. Author disclosure

The author has a longstanding adversarial history with LGGRTC. He applied for the director-general position in February 2026 and formally re-applied in July 2026. His application was not among the three candidates heard by the Council in the April selection described above. The re-application and supporting materials are public. [Re-application](#).

The author has also challenged LGGRTC findings through Lithuanian institutions and courts. European Court of Human Rights Application No. 10930/21 is inadmissible and closed. These interests may be weighed by readers; they do not change the text of the independent and official documents linked in this appendix.

7. Source-treatment rule

Based on the record I have documented over decades, I do not regard the Lithuanian Genocide and Resistance Research Centre (LGGRTC) as a presumptively reliable historical authority. In my assessment, its publications have repeatedly functioned as instruments of national historical advocacy and, in material instances, as vehicles for distorted or fictionalized history.

Accordingly, I assign no independent evidentiary weight to a historical claim merely because it has been published by the Lithuanian Genocide and Resistance Research Centre. Any material proposition originating with the LGGRTC must be independently verified against primary documentation or credible external historical scholarship before it is relied upon. Until such verification is obtained, the LGGRTC's assertion is treated as unverified and presumptively unreliable, with particular scrutiny for omission, selective quotation, exculpatory reframing, or factual distortion.

8. What this appendix does not claim

- It does not allege criminal or civil wrongdoing by Arūnas Bubnys, PEMC or LGGRTC.

- It does not claim that Bubnys personally authored or approved every LGGRTC publication issued while he headed the historical-research department or served as director.
- It does not treat the Lithuanian Jewish Community's use of "Holocaust revisionism" as an adjudicated legal finding; it reports the Community's own published characterization.
- It does not infer a 22 May 2026 republication of page 2969. The verified public fact is persistence of the 2018 webpage text into August 2026 after the Foreign Ministry's May letter.
- It does not treat the 2026 Council selection as a judgment on Bubnys's entire scholarly career.
- It does not ask PEMC to accept the author's conclusions. It asks PEMC to disclose what its members were given and to evaluate the linked documents before voting.
- Corrections. If a material entry in this public appendix is shown to be wrong, the public file will be corrected with a dated correction note; superseded versions will be retained.

9. Due-diligence questions for PEMC

1. Who nominated Arūnas Bubnys, or what rule requires the nominator's identity to remain confidential?
2. What documents accompanied the nomination?
3. Were members given the International Commission's 11 April 2019 response, the December 2019 Noreika conclusions and Bubnys's materially more cautious 2021 assessment?
4. Were members told about the Brazaitis exoneration dispute, the Foreign Ministry's 12 May 2026 concession and its statement that the wording had been corrected, and the August public-page status?
5. Were members given Report No. 9R-598 and the Lithuanian Jewish Community's response?
6. Were members told about the 2026 public LGGRTC director-selection process and the Council's decision not to advance Bubnys after he finished second?
7. Will LGGRTC participate in the prize vote on its own leader, and what recusal rule governs that situation?

Principal public sources

- [PEMC nomination report \(LRT/BNS\), 18 Aug. 2026](#)
- [PEMC Council of Members 2024 agenda](#)
- [International Commission response on Noreika, 11 Apr. 2019](#)
- [LGGRTC 2019 archive entry containing the 18 Dec. Noreika rescue conclusions](#)
- [Bubnys interview on Noreika evidence, 2021](#)
- [Chapman/Eilberg congressional correspondence](#)
- [Lithuanian MFA response to Rep. Sherman, 12 May 2026](#)
- [Live LGGRTC page 2969 \(print view\)](#)
- [Preserved 2018 copy of LGGRTC page 2969](#)
- [LGGRTC page 3058](#)
- [Annotated August 2026 page-3058 comparison](#)
- [LGGRTC Report No. 9R-598](#)
- [Lithuanian Jewish Community response to Report No. 9R-598](#)
- [LRT: first public LGGRTC director selection; Kabelkė selected](#)
- [LRT: three candidates heard by the Council](#)
- [LRT: Bubnys finished second; Council declined to advance him](#)

Public record cutoff: 2 September 2026.

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