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# Gabrielle Union and NBC have a 'productive' meeting about her 'AGT' firing

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LOS ANGELES — Gabrielle Union and NBC each mentioned Wednesday that they have had a “productive” first dialog on her firing from “America’s Bought Expertise” and her allegations that she was eliminated over her complaints about racism and different troubling on-set habits.

“We had a prolonged 5-hour, and what I considered, productive meeting yesterday,” Union mentioned on Twitter. “I used to be in a position to, once more, categorical my unfiltered reality. I led with transparency and my want and hope for actual change.”

NBC mentioned in a assertion that the “preliminary dialog was candid and productive. Whereas there will probably be a additional investigation to get a deeper understanding of the information, we’re working with Gabrielle to return to a constructive decision.”

Union’s legal professional Bryan Freedman mentioned Tuesday’s meeting, which included representatives from Fremantle, the present’s manufacturing firm, was a good begin.

“We’re ready to see the subsequent steps on whether or not NBC goes to ensure that there are actual adjustments made to guard each the contestants and the expertise,” Freedman mentioned.

Union, an actress greatest recognized for her roles in movies together with “Carry It On” and “Unhealthy Boys II,” was a choose on the expertise showcase however she and fellow choose Julianne Hough weren’t requested to return after their first season.

Selection subsequently reported that Union, who’s black, believed she was fired as a result of she had requested NBC and the present’s producers to handle an atmosphere that tolerated racist jokes and remarks, together with what she mentioned had been a number of notes from producers saying she was carrying her hair “too black” for the “America’s Bought Expertise” viewers.

Union had additionally complained of different habits, corresponding to judge-producer Simon Cowell’s smoking on the indoor set, Selection reported.

The Display screen Actors Guild–American Federation of Tv and Radio Artists, of which Union is a member, mentioned Monday that it was additionally working with her to research her complaints.

With out immediately referring to NBC or the 2 firms that produce the present, Fremantle and Syco, Union has tweeted about her state of affairs a number of occasions, acknowledging the assist she’s gotten and retweeting directions on easy methods to give a correct apology.

Different distinguished names on social media, together with Union’s husband, former NBA participant Dwyane Wade, have referred to as for solutions on why she was fired.