

PALAGIANO VINCENT F
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 PALAGIANO VINCENT F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DIME COMMUNITY
 BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 209 HAVEMEYER STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/01/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2009 | 05/01/2009 | J | 3,549 D \$ 7.98 | 0 | I | Restricted Stock Award |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2009 | 05/01/2009 | J | 3,549 A \$ 7.98 | 619,816 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 0 | I | 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 316,323 | I | Bmp |
| Common Stock | | | | | 52,983 | I | Esop |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.91 | | | | | 11/21/2002 11/21/2011 | Common Stock | 168,750 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.16 | | | | | 02/01/2004 02/01/2013 | Common Stock | 174,750 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 15.1 | | | | | 05/31/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 05/31/2015 | Common Stock | 142,580 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.9 | | | | | 01/27/2008 01/27/2014 | Common Stock | 174,750 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.74 | | | | | 02/01/2008 ⁽²⁾ 05/01/2017 | Common Stock | 250,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| | | | | |

PALAGIANO VINCENT F
209 HAVEMEYER STREET
BROOKLYN, NY 11211

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Chairman and CEO

Signatures

/s/ VINCENT F.
PALAGIANO

05/04/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Options vest in equal annual installments on May 31, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

(2) Options vest in equal 1/4th annual installments on May 1, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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