SEC Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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		

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/19/2012

			X Director	10% Owner
			X Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)

Chairman and CEO

(Street)	
BROOKLYN	NY	11211

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
	X Form filed by One Reporting Person
	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	07/19/2012	07/19/2012	X		24,019	A	$13.16	680,499	D	
Common Stock	07/19/2012	07/19/2012	S		24,019	D	$14.75	656,480	D	
Common Stock								338,712	I	Bmp
Common Stock								57,756	I	Esop

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	$13.16	07/19/2012	07/19/2012	X			24,019	02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Common Stock	24,019	$0	64,695	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ VINCENT F. PALAGIANO 07/20/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person   Date

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

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

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