FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PALAGIANO VINCENT F							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC</u>								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle)						DCOM 3 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)									(give title		Other (s below)			
209 HAVEMEYER STREET						/18/2		ilest Hans	Saction (INIOIIII	i/Day/ fear)		Chairman and CEO							
(Street) BROOKLYN NY 11211					4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person						
(City)) (State) (Zip)				_	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person												ting		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day					Exr) if a	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			Beneficia Owned F	s ally ollowing	Form:	Direct II Indirect E str. 4) C	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 3 and				Instr. 4)		
Common Stock				05/18/2015		05/18/2015		X		30,000	A	\$15.1	\$15.1 682,		32 D					
Common Stock				05/18/2015		.5 05/18/2015		S		30,000	D	\$16.134	\$16.1341 652 ,		932 D					
Common Stock				05/19/2015		05/19/2015		X		23,018	A	\$15.1	\$15.1 675,		950 I					
Common Stock				05/19	05/19/2015		05/19/2015		S		23,018	D	\$16.28	16.289 652,			D			
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Common Stock													60,112		I		Esop			
Common Stock													(0		I S	Restricted Stock Award			
			Table II								posed of,			Owned				•		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	2. 3. Transaction Date Execution Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		ned n Date,	ed 4. Date, Transac Code (In		5. Number tion of			6. Options, converti 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amoun of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Numb derivativ Securitie Benefici Owned Followin Reporter Transact (Instr. 4)	re es ally g d tion(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.1	05/18/2015	05/18	/2015	X			30,000	05/31/20	006 ⁽¹⁾	05/31/2015	Common Stock	30,000	\$0	87,5	80	D			
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.1	05/19/2015	05/19	05/19/2015				23,018	05/31/20	006 ⁽¹⁾	05/31/2015	Common Stock	23,018	\$0	64,5	62	D			

Explanation of Responses:

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

/s/ VINCENT F. PALAGIANO 05/20/2015

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

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