

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CURTIN PATRICK E</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/30/2009</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
<u>209 HAVEMEYER STREET</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						
(Street)	<u>BROOKLYN</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>11211</u>						
(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			
Restricted Stock Award	04/30/2009		A		1,799	A	\$0	1,799	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock								67,326	D	
Common Stock								1,000	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock								2,827	I	Spouse

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
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$8.34	04/30/2009		A		8,868		05/01/2010	04/30/2019	Common Stock	8,868	\$0	8,868	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$10.91							11/21/2002	11/21/2011	Common Stock	6,750		6,750	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.16							02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Common Stock	7,500		7,500	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$19.9							01/27/2005	01/27/2014	Common Stock	9,000		9,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$16.45							01/27/2006	01/31/2015	Common Stock	8,480		8,480	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$13.74							05/01/2008	05/01/2017	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$18.18							05/30/2009	05/30/2018	Common Stock	10,000		10,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ MICHAEL P. DEVINE,
attorney-in-fact for Patrick E.
Curtin

05/04/2009

** 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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