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obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PALAGIANO VINCENT F	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 209 HAVEMEYER STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2009	X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (D) (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of	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)
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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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. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	ecurities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	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		

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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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