

PUCELLA MICHAEL

Form 4

May 25, 2012

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PUCELLA MICHAEL

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)

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/24/2012

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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                    | 05/24/2012                           | 05/24/2012                                         | S                              |                                                                   | 463    | D          | \$ 13.25 | 30,164                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 05/25/2012                           | 05/25/2012                                         | S                              |                                                                   | 2,000  | D          | \$ 13.4  | 28,164                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |            |          | 0                                                                                             | I                                                        | 401(k) Plan                                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |            |          | 45,474                                                                                        | I                                                        | Bmp                                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |        |            |          | 51,001                                                                                        | I                                                        | Esop                                                  |

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|                 |        |   |                               |
|-----------------|--------|---|-------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 2,025  | I | Other                         |
| Common<br>Stock | 14,158 | I | Restricted<br>Stock<br>Awards |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 6) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                       | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| PUCELLA MICHAEL<br>209 HAVEMEYER STREET<br>BROOKLYN, NY 11211 | Director 10% Owner Officer Other<br>EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT |

## Signatures

/s/ MICHAEL  
PUCELLA  
05/25/2012  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting  
Person

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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