

PALAGIANO VINCENT F

Form 4

July 31, 2012

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

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1(b).

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

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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

(Street)

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/27/2012

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

Chairman and CEO

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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	07/27/2012	07/27/2012	X		2,574	A	\$ 13.16	659,054 D
Common Stock	07/27/2012	07/27/2012	S		2,574	D	\$ 14.7533	656,480 D
Common Stock	07/30/2012	07/30/2012	X		11,187	A	\$ 13.16	667,667 D
Common Stock	07/30/2012	07/30/2012	S		11,187	D	\$ 14.7704	656,480 D
Common Stock							0	I 401(k) Plan

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Common Stock	338,712	I	Bmp
Common Stock	57,756	I	Esop
Common Stock	0	I	Restricted Stock Award

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.16	07/27/2012	07/27/2012	X		2,574		02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Common Stock	2,574
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.16	07/30/2012	07/30/2012	X		11,187		02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Common Stock	11,187

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PALAGIANO VINCENT F 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11211	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ VINCENT F.
PALAGIANO

07/31/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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