

DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/03/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman and CEO

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

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)
Common Stock	08/03/2005	08/03/2005	M			25,000	A \$ 4.3	630,623	D	
Common Stock	08/03/2005	08/03/2005	S			25,000	D \$ 15.506	605,623	D	
Common Stock								76,015	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock								300,708	I	BMP
Common Stock								49,848	I	ESOP

Common Stock	14,193	I		Restricted Stock Award
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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)	\$ 10.91					11/21/2002      11/21/2011	Common Stock      168,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.16					02/01/2004      02/01/2014	Common Stock      174,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.1					05/31/2006      05/31/2015	Common Stock      142,580
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.9					01/27/2005      01/27/2015	Common Stock      174,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 4.3	08/03/2005	08/03/2005	M	25,000	12/26/2001      12/26/2006	Common Stock      25,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

VINCENT F. PALAGIANO	08/05/2005
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<u>  </u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date
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## 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).

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