

DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC
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FORM 4

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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 209 HAVEMEYER STREET
 (Street)

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/17/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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					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	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	A		14,193	I	Restricted Stock Award
							\$ 15.44 (2)

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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)	8. P	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 4.3					12/26/1997	12/26/2006	Common Stock	100,000
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)	\$ 19.9					01/27/2005	01/27/2015	Common Stock	174,750

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

VINCENT F.
PALAGIANO

03/22/2005

__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).
- (2) Represents closing price of DCOM on the March 17, 2005 grant date.
- (1) Grant of restricted stock awards under the Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.

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