

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

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

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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 \*  
**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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/18/2008**

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

**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)	Price
Common Stock					38,099	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2008	08/18/2008	S <sup>(1)</sup>		24,069 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 16.23 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					41,376	I	BMP
Common Stock					46,228	I	ESOP
Common Stock					2,025	I	Other

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Common Stock	9,643	I	Restricted Stock Awards
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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. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr	
				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	18,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.16					02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Common Stock	20,250
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.74					05/01/2008	05/01/2017	Common Stock	45,000
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.1					05/31/2006	05/31/2015	Common Stock	16,344
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16.73					05/01/2012	07/31/2018	Common Stock	6,615
	\$ 19.9					01/27/2005	01/27/2014		20,250

Stock  
Options  
(Right to  
buy)

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PUCELLA MICHAEL 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11211			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

MICHAELPUCELLA                      08/19/2008

    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) Rebalance of 401(k) Plan assets by Mr. Pucella.
  - (2) The closing price on the transaction date is stated as the sale price, since it is the price utilized by the 401(k) Plan trustee in order to determine the transaction value.

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