

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

## 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/01/2004

  X   Director                             10% Owner  
  X   Officer (give title               Other (specify  
below)                               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)	Price			
Common Stock	12/01/2004	12/01/2004	M		50,000	A	\$ 4.3	655,623	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004	12/01/2004	S		50,000	D	\$ 18.55	605,623	D	
Common Stock								75,136	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock								300,708	I	BMP
Common Stock								48,570	I	ESOP

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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)	\$ 19.9							01/27/2005	01/27/2015	Common Stock	174,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 4.3	12/01/2004	12/01/2004	M		50,000		12/26/2001	12/26/2006	Common Stock	50,000

## 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

12/02/2004

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).

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