

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

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)
 12/31/2015

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
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(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)
Common Stock	12/31/2015 ⁽¹⁾	12/31/2015 ⁽¹⁾	A	828	\$ 17.49	I	Esop
Common Stock	12/31/2015 ⁽²⁾	12/31/2015 ⁽²⁾	A	3,176	\$ 17.49	I	Bmp
Common Stock					652,932	D	
Common Stock					0	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					0	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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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

04/04/2016

__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).
Allocation of earned shares during the year ended December 31, 2015 in the Company's qualified Employee Stock Ownership Plan.
(1) While the allocation is deemed effective as of December 31, 2015, the amount of shares allocated was not fully determined until on or about March 31, 2016.
Allocation of earned shares during the year ended December 31, 2015 in the Company's non-qualified Benefit Maintenance Plan. While
(2) the allocation is deemed effective as of December 31, 2015, the amount of shares allocated was not fully determined until on or about March 31, 2016.

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