

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 *
PUCELLA MICHAEL

(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)
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	38,661	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	42,851	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	39,966	I	BMP
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	41,815	I	ESOP
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	2,025	I	Other

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Common Stock	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	A	1,677 (1)	A	\$ 15.44 (2)	1,677	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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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)	\$ 19.9					01/27/2005 01/27/2014	Common Stock 20,250	

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

MICHAEL
PUCELLA

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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