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(Print or Type Res	ponses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Walsh Donald E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC [DCOM]				g	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 209 HAVEMEYER STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2008					X_ Director Officer (giv below)		% Owner her (specify	
(Street) BROOKLYN, NY 11211			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (2	Zip)	Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
	. Transaction Date Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	l (A) or l of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock								5,000	D		
Common Stock								2,000	I	Restricted Stock Award	

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. 5. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. De Se (Ir
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.74					05/01/2008	05/01/2017	Common Stock	10,000	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.18					05/30/2009	05/30/2018	Convertible Securities	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Walsh Donald E 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11211	Х						
Signatures							
Michael P							

Michael P. Devine 12/03/2008

<u>**</u>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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