

PUCELLA MICHAEL
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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)
05/01/2007

____ 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
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 36,080 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 45,076 | I | 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 41,376 | I | BMP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 45,029 | I | ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,025 | I | Other |

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 9,258 | I | Restricted Stock Awards |
|-----------------|-------|---|-------------------------------|

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 18,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 13.16 | | | | | 02/01/2004 02/01/2013 | Common Stock 20,250 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 15.1 | | | | | 05/31/2006 05/31/2015 | Common Stock 16,340 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 19.9 | | | | | 01/27/2005 01/27/2014 | Common Stock 20,250 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 13.74 | 05/01/2007 | 05/01/2007 | A | 45,000 | 05/01/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 05/01/2017 | Common Stock 45,000 |

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 05/03/2007

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Options vest in equal 1/4th annual installments on May 1, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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