

DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 17, 2005

**DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-27782  
(Commission File  
Number)

11-3297463  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**209 Havemeyer Street, Brooklyn, New York 11211**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (718) 782-6200

**None**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

**Item 5.03 Amendment of Bylaws**

On March 17, 2005, the Board of Directors of Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. amended Article IV, Section 3 of its Bylaws to extend for an additional year the mandatory retirement age of the class of directors whose term expires in 2006.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES, INC.**

**/s/ KENNETH J. MAHON**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth J. Mahon

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 17, 2005