

BENNETT LANCE
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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 *
BENNETT LANCE

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)
12/31/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP & General Counsel

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2012 | 03/27/2013 | A | 793 ⁽¹⁾ | A 13.89 ₍₂₎ | I | ESOP |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2012 | 03/27/2013 | A | 802 ⁽³⁾ | A 13.89 ₍₂₎ | I | Benefit Maintenance Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 7,448 | I | 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 19,914 | D | |

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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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BENNETT LANCE 209 HAVEMEYER STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11211 | | | Executive VP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ LANCE
BENNETT 03/28/2013

**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).
- (1) Share allocation award under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") for the year ended December 31, 2012. The allocation calculation for all ESOP participants was finalized on March 27, 2013.
- (2) Closing price of the Company's common stock as of the last trading day in 2012.
- (3) Shares allocated under the Benefit Maintenance Plan ("BMP") for the year ended December 31, 2012 to provide for share allocation limitations under the Employee Stock Ownership Plan. This allocation of shares was finalized for all BMP participants on March 27, 2013.

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