

DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC
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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 *
 DEVINE MICHAEL P

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)
 07/31/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 PRESIDENT & COO

BROOKLYN, NY 11211

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					353,643	D	
Common Stock					214,265	I	BMP
Common Stock					52,983	I	ESOP
Common Stock	07/31/2008	08/07/2008	A	12,126 (1)	\$ 16.73 16,642	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. 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 Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 10.91					11/21/2002	11/21/2011	Common Stock	28,66
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.16					02/01/2004	02/01/2013	Common Stock	111,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 13.74					05/01/2008	05/01/2017	Common Stock	170,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 15.1					05/31/2006	05/31/2015	Common Stock	90,53
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 19.9					01/27/2005	01/27/2014	Common Stock	111,00
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 16.73	07/31/2008 ⁽²⁾	08/07/2008	A ⁽¹⁾	18,135	05/01/2012 ⁽¹⁾	07/31/2018	Common Stock	18,13

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reporting Owners

DEVINE MICHAEL P
209 HAVEMEYER STREET X PRESIDENT & COO
BROOKLYN, NY 11211

Signatures

MICHAEL
P.DEVINE 08/08/2008

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) Award vests in equal annual installments (adjusted for rounding) on May 1, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (2) The delay in filing resulted from the technical issues encountered related to the valuation of the option award, as the valuation of the option was utilized to derive the number of option award shares.

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