

BENNETT LANCE
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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)
04/30/2012

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

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)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	6. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Restricted Stock Award	04/30/2012	04/30/2012	A	3,310 (1)	A	\$ 13.86	16,103	I	Restricted Stock Award
Restricted Stock Award	05/01/2012	05/01/2012	J	4,941	D	\$ 13.55	11,162	I	Restricted Stock Award
Common Stock	05/01/2012	05/01/2012	J	4,941	A	\$ 13.55	19,914	D	
Common Stock							7,448	I	401(k) Plan
							444	I	

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(1) Shares vest in equal annual installments on May 1, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively.

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