

DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**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 \*  
**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)  
**300 CADMAN PLAZA WEST, 8TH FLOOR**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/30/2016**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive VP & General Counsel**

(Street)  
**BROOKLYN, NY 11201**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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	12/30/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/30/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	6,214	A \$ 20.1 19,679	I	ESOP
Common Stock	12/30/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/30/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	371	A \$ 20.1 3,038	I	Benefit Maintenance Plan
Common Stock					35,279	D	
Restricted Stock Award					5,786	I	Restricted Stock Award

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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. 3 and 4)
				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 300 CADMAN PLAZA WEST 8TH FLOOR BROOKLYN, NY 11201			Executive VP & General Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/ LANCE  
BENNETT 04/04/2017

\*\*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).
- Allocation of earned shares during the year ended December 31, 2016 in the Company's qualified Employee Stock Ownership Plan.
- (1) While the allocation is deemed effective as of December 31, 2016, the amount of shares allocated was not fully determined until on or about March 31, 2017.
- Allocation of earned shares during the year ended December 31, 2016 in the Company's non-qualified Benefit Maintenance Plan. While
- (2) the allocation is deemed effective as of December 31, 2016, the amount of shares allocated was not fully determined until on or about March 31, 2017.

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