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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BASSWOOD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 645 MADISON AVENUE 10TH FLOOR  (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. /NY/ [ DCOM ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Director-by-Deputization</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2024	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.		

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock")	01/01/2024		A		2,227 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0	172,660.82	D <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	
Common Stock								1,037,746	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(4)</sup>
Common Stock								478,833	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(5)</sup>
Common Stock								7,905	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(6)</sup>
Common Stock								154,019	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(7)</sup>
Common Stock								43,113	I	See footnotes <sup>(1)(8)</sup>
Common Stock								138,282	D <sup>(1)(9)</sup>	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*  
BASSWOOD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 645 MADISON AVENUE  
 10TH FLOOR  
 (Street)  
 NEW YORK NY 10022  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

LINDENBAUM BENNETT D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

645 MADISON AVENUE  
10TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

LINDENBAUM MATTHEW A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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(Street)

NEW YORK NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Notes are included on Exhibit 99.1 hereto.
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**Remarks:**

Exhibit List: Exhibit 99.1 - Explanation of Responses Exhibit 99.2 - Joint Filer Information Exhibit 99.3 - Joint Filers' Signatures

Basswood Capital  
Management, L.L.C.; By: /s/ 01/03/2024  
Matthew Lindenbaum,  
Managing Member

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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Designated Filer: Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.  
Issuer & Ticker Symbol: Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. [DCOM]  
Date of Event Requiring Statement: January 1, 2024

Explanation of Responses:

1. This Form 4 is filed on behalf of Matthew Lindenbaum, Bennett Lindenbaum and Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C. (“BCM”) (collectively, the “Reporting Persons”). BCM is the investment manager or adviser to Basswood Opportunity Partners, LP (“BOP”), Basswood Financial Fund, LP (“BFF”), Basswood Financial Long Only Fund, LP (“BFLOF”) and Basswood Opportunity Fund, Inc. (“BOF”) (collectively, the “Funds”) and certain separate managed accounts managed by BCM (the “Managed Accounts”) and may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in the Common Stock directly held by the Funds and held in the Managed Accounts. Matthew Lindenbaum and Bennett Lindenbaum are the managing members of BCM and may be deemed to have a pecuniary interest in the Common Stock directly held by the Funds and held in the Managed Accounts, and also directly hold shares of Common Stock. In accordance with Instruction 4(b)(iv), the entire amount of Common Stock held by the Funds or Managed Accounts are reported herein. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares of Common Stock that are beneficially owned by the Funds or Managed Accounts, except to the extent of any direct or indirect pecuniary interest therein. BCM also disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held directly by Matthew Lindenbaum and Bennett Lindenbaum. Matthew Lindenbaum and Bennett Lindenbaum each disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held directly by the other. The inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of any securities reported herein for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise.

Matthew Lindenbaum, a managing member of BCM, serves on the board of directors of the Issuer as a representative of the Reporting Persons. As a result, each of the Reporting Persons is a “director-by-deputization” solely for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act. By reason of the provisions of Rule 16a-1 of the Exchange Act, each of the Reporting Persons may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock issued to Matthew Lindenbaum.

2. Represents a restricted stock unit award granted to Matthew Lindenbaum.
3. Common Stock held directly by Matthew Lindenbaum, which includes 11,645.824747 shares of Common Stock underlying restricted stock unit awards.
4. Common Stock held directly by certain separate Managed Accounts managed by BCM.
5. Common Stock held directly by BOP.
6. Common Stock held directly by BOF.
7. Common Stock held directly by BFF.
8. Common Stock held directly by BFLOF.
9. Common Stock held directly by Bennett Lindenbaum.

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**Joint Filer Information**

Joint Filers:

1. Name: Matthew Lindenbaum  
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New York, NY 10022
2. Name: Bennett Lindenbaum  
Address: c/o Basswood Capital Management, LLC  
645 Madison Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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3. Name: Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.  
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**Joint Filers' Signatures**

/s/ Matthew Lindenbaum  
Matthew Lindenbaum

/s/ Bennett Lindenbaum  
Bennett Lindenbaum

**Basswood Capital Management, L.L.C.**

By: /s/ Matthew Lindenbaum  
Name: Matthew Lindenbaum  
Title: Managing Member