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ATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Dime Community Bancshares, Inc. /NY/ | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| DEVINE MI | <u>CHAEL P</u> | | DCOM] | 1 | Director | 10% Owner | | |
| | | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) 898 VETERAN | (First) S MEMORIAL H | (Middle) IIGHWAY | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2025 | | belowy | belowy | | |
| SUITE 560 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Line) | vidual or Joint/Group Filing | J (Check Applicable | | |
| (Street) HAUPPAUGE | NY | 11788 | | 1 | Form filed by One Repo | orting Person | | |
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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) | | Action d. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Securities Beneficially | Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------|--|----------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (11150.4) |
| Common Stock | 01/02/2025 | | A | | 1,848(1) | A | \$0.00 | 448,374 | D | |
| Preferred Stock, Series A | | | | | | | | 20,000 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| | | | (e.g., pr | 115, 66 | alis, v | vaile | mis, | options, c | onventio | ie se | cunties |) | | | |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---------|-------|------|--|--------------------|---|--|--|--|----------------------------------|--|
| 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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | e and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Amount of Derivative Securities Security Jnderlying (Instr. 5) Derivative Security (Instr. | | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted Stock Award. Award cliff vests on the one year anniversary of the date of the grant.

Remarks:

Megan Hickey, as attorney in

01/06/2025

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

fact

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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DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES, INC. LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Patricia M. Schaubeck, Megan Hickey, Alexandra Weeks, Marc Levy, Jeffrey Cass and Edward A. Quint, each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

(!) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Dime Community Bancshares, Inc., a New York corporation (the "Company"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");

(2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to each of the undersigned's attorneys-in-fact appointed by this Power of Attorney and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and

(3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in- fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

(1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on informlation provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;

(2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorneyin-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;

(3) neither the Company nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and

(4) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that each such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 21st day of December, 2022. /s/ Michael P. Devine (Signature) Michael P. Devine (Print Name)