COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC.

Form 4

March 17, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Kingsley Scott Allen

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC., 5790

DEWITT, NY 13214

WIDEWATERS PARKWAY

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. [CBU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

03/16/2016

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Chief Financial Officer

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)

Common

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

\$0

03/16/2016 D Α 2,778 Α 30,892 Stock

Common By 401(k) 4.820.944 (1) Stock Plan

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 or 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 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 38.02	03/16/2016		A	13,456	(2)	03/16/2026	Common Stock	13,456	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kingsley Scott Allen C/O COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM, INC. 5790 WIDEWATERS PARKWAY DEWITT, NY 13214

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Danielle M. Cima, pursuant to a Confirming Statement executed by Scott A. Kingsley

03/17/2016

**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).
- (1) The number of shares reported herein were acquired pursuant to Community Bank System, Inc.'s 401(K) Plan and are based on a current plan statement.
- (2) The option vests ratably on March 16, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

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