J. Keith Motley is the eighth chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston, a research university with 11 graduate schools and colleges and more than 16,000 students.

Chancellor Motley oversees an ambitious strategic planning initiative to enhance the university’s academic offerings and research enterprise, grow enrollment to meet the increasing demand for a well-educated workforce, and similarly build the university as a resource of knowledge and public service. Chancellor Motley is also overseeing the construction of a new Integrated Sciences Complex, a second academic building, and housing for students, as well as the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate.

Previous to his chancellor appointment on July 1, 2007, Dr. Motley served as vice president for business, marketing, and public affairs at the University of Massachusetts President’s Office. Prior to joining the president's office, he was the interim chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston, where he previously served as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, following more than 20 years in higher education administration that included 10 years as Dean of Student Services at Northeastern University.

Dr. Motley is a founder of the Roxbury Preparatory Charter School and chair emeritus of the school’s Board of Trustees. He is also the founder and education chair of Concerned Black Men of Massachusetts, Inc., and the Paul Robeson Institute for Positive Self-Development. He also serves on numerous boards of community organizations with local, regional, and national reach, including the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. On a national level, he is chair-elect (2015) of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU); and serves on the board of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities’ (APLU). He is a member of the American Council on Education’s (ACE) Commission on Effective Leadership, chair of APLU’s Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence (CADE), and a mentor for the Millennium Leadership Initiative, a premier leadership development program of AASCU.

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